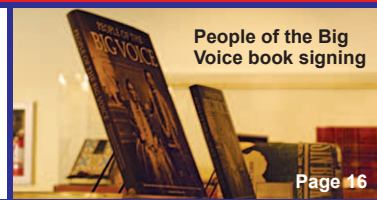


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## BIA denies transfer of Badger Ammo Plant land for HCN

Submitted by Anne Thundercloud

In a letter dated August 22, 2011, the Bureau of Indian Affairs refused to accept the transfer of over 1,500 acres of land in Sauk County held by the U.S. Army on behalf of the Ho-Chunk Nation. The land is the site of the former Badger Army Ammunition Plant ("BAAP"). Michael Black, Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, stated that the Agency's regulations would require BIA to conduct its own environmental assessment, and that BIA was unwilling to incur the cost, estimated to run between \$300,000 and \$1 million. The need for BIA's own assessment is highly questionable in light of the many millions of dollars spent by the Army over the last 14 years to investigate, remediate and document clean up of historic contamination left behind by ammunition manufacturing processes.

"We are extremely disappointed in the BIA's decision to deny the return of this important ancestral land to the Ho-Chunk Nation," stated Jon Greendeer, President

of the Ho-Chunk Nation. "As a land claimant for excess federal land, we [the Nation] did everything right. For 13 years, we fully participated in the federal land disposition process, coordinated future land use planning with the local community and provided thorough environmental and legal expertise to realize our claim."

In 1998, the Ho-Chunk Nation filed a timely land claim for the soon-to-be excess federal land at the BAAP through a no-cost transfer process, called a Public Benefit Conveyance. The entire BAAP footprint along with the neighboring Devils Lake State Park is known to the Ho-Chunk as Te Wakacák or "Spirit Lake" and lies within a district containing significant and numerous historical, traditional, cultural and sacred resources. Through this claim, the Nation hoped to recover a portion of its aboriginal territory ceded via the Treaty of 1837, a historically controversial treaty. The Nation proposed to reacquire the land to provide, promote and enhance the Ho-Chunk Nation's programs for historic and cultural resource protection, natural resource enhancement, education, employment and economic development. In response to the claim, Bruce Babbitt, Secretary of the Department



Site of the former Badger Army Ammunition Plant located in Sauk County, WI. View from above.

of the Interior, issued a letter in 1998 requesting the parcel on behalf of the Nation. BIA is a sub-unit of the Department of Interior. Since that time, the Nation made significant efforts to coordinate transfer details with the BIA, its federal sponsor, in the land claim process.

"Due to the last-minute timing of the BIA's unfortunate decision, we [the Nation] have decided to cease active efforts to pursue the land claim," stated Representative John Holst, who took on coordination of efforts to pursue the claim on behalf of the Ho-Chunk Legislature when sworn into office. "Secretary Babbitt gave us every reason to pursue this parcel under the federal

disposition process and it is shameful that an agency charged with securing the interests of tribal members wholeheartedly failed to do the work on their part to make this happen. If it was a budgetary issue, then the agency should have dealt with it under its appropriations process. The BIA's record in securing former federal military land on behalf of tribal claimants speaks for itself."

Now that the BIA has denied the transfer, the Army's realtor, the General Services Administration (GSA), has no choice but to make efforts to dispose of the land to a new owner. If the Nation pursued the parcel without a federal sponsor, it could be forced to pay for the land - at or near the land's fair market value. The land has not been appraised and the Nation never anticipated the option of an outright purchase of the land. Cost estimates are uncertain, but could run into the millions.

"The Ho-Chunk Nation is humbled and grateful to the many partners and friends who have supported its claim. In the thirteen years of pursuing the BAAP parcel, we have had the opportunity to work closely with all levels of government

and stakeholders of the BAAP. We have every intent to continue those relationships," concluded Rep. Holst, "while we will not pursue land at the BAAP, the Nation continues to support the key values that underpin the approved Badger Reuse Plan. These include joint management of the BAAP, advocate for the highest quality clean up, and protection of the natural features."



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Former Badger Army Ammunition Plant.

# The last of the Manchus Et tu, Manchu?

## One hundred years on, only a few native speakers remain

Submitted by  
Rep. Robert Twobears  
*Greetings to all tribal members.*

*I hope that this letter finds you all well.*

*I am finding it very challenging in that the deadlines to publishing come fast and furious. Also it gives me a chance to thank our Newsletter staff, Tracy Pecore, Marlon WhiteEagle, Sanford LittleEagle, and Anna Reichenbach, for all the hard work they do in making sure deadlines are made and kept, finding news to report, and also the gift they possess in writing such news. Thanks again for all that you do.*

A century ago it was the "national language" of a vast empire. Today Manchu mixes with cigarette smoke blown through the wrinkled lips of 86-year-old Zhao Lanfeng in Sanjiazhi, a village in China's

north-east. The words she croaks in her thatch-roofed, mud brick farmhouse are precious. Ms Zhao calls herself one of only two fluent native speakers of Manchu left in the village, one of the last redoubts of a language that is verging on extinction.

Even in 1911, when the hated Manchu rulers of China's last imperial Qing dynasty were overthrown, the language was national only in name. Manchus formed only about 2% of the country's population at the time. Most people spoke Chinese, the language of the majority Han people who were conquered in 1644 by the Manchus, a collection of ethnic groups from the country's borderland in what was once known as Manchuria. Even the last Manchu emperor Pui (who was six when he abdicated), was far from fluent, despite

the court's dogged efforts to keep the language alive.

Hundreds if not thousands of Manchu civilians, many of whom lived in separate communities walled off from their Han neighbours, were massacred during the revolution by vengeful Han troops. Many more changed their names, clothing and other giveaway features of their ancestry to escape persecution. But in some remote rural areas Manchu ways held out longer. In Sanjiazhi, descendants of the Manchu troops who settled the village during the Qing period outnumber Han residents. Ms Zhao grew up speaking Manchu.

Hers was the last generation to do so. In 1979 there were fluent speakers left. The two remaining (the other is also 86) sometimes chat to each other in Manchu. But Ms

Zhao says the last time this happened was about four months ago. A few others in Sanjiazhi speak a bit of Manchu. But in all of China, there are only a handful of people like Ms Zhao.

Few Chinese have any interest in learning the dying language of their one-time oppressors. Wu Yuanfeng, a government archivist, says 2m out of 10m Qing documents in the country's collection are writing in Manchu. Yet he estimates there are only about 30 scholars in China who are truly expert in the language. Knowledge of the language is kept up mainly by people like belong to the Xibo people from China's far north-west. The Xibo language is very close to Manchu but Mr. Wu says only about 20,000 speak it and their numbers are rapidly diminishing too.

About six years ago



Robert Twobears

Sanjiazhi set up the country's first Manchu school. But Ms Zhao does not think this will make much difference. The Manchu teachers, she says, do not understand her Manchu. A big sign outside the village proclaims it as a "living fossil" of the language. Soon it might be dead.

# Legislative Organization Act brings accountability

Sanford LittleEagle  
Staff Writer

In just a little under 90 days of taking the oath of office newly elected Representatives endeavor to amend the Legislative Organization Act (LOA) to address spending, accountability and to improve the efficiency of the Legislative office and the lawmaking process within the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature. The purpose, as stated within the act, is to establish procedures and rules to govern individual and collective actions of members of the Legislature and to establish uniformity in the proceedings of Legislative business.

This is the seventh time this act has been revisited since 2000. Representatives Estebo and Weber along with the support of other Legislators have distributed the following survey at area meetings with questions directed at addressing current practices

of the Legislature.

1. Should District Representative(s) complete monthly itineraries and make them available to the public?
2. Should District Representative(s) be allowed to telecommute to attend legislative Session and Committee meetings?
3. Should mileage payments be limited for District Representative(s)?
4. Should the Ho-Chunk Nation assist District Representative(s) in paying rent to allow Representative(s) the opportunity to reside closer to the Executive Office Building in Black River Falls?
5. Should out-of-state travel to attend conferences be limited for District Representative(s)?
6. Should the Employment Relations Act (ERA) apply to District Representative(s) as it does to tribal employees?
7. What is your preferred method of receiving

updates from your District Representative(s)?

For most tribal members, a District Representative is an advocate and should make him or herself available to the membership who voted them into office. Communication is a major factor in timing when it comes to following procedure and addressing the needs of the membership. An itinerary is just one way for a legislator to account for their time.

Plucking the definition straight from Wikipedia, "Telecommuting or telework is a work arrangement in which employees enjoy flexibility in working location and hours. In other words, the daily commute to a central place of work is replaced by telecommunication links." Telecommuting could serve as a cost savings to the Nation as well as allow Representatives to attend meetings by way of video conferencing. There is strong rationale for and

against this debatable topic. In trying not to answer for the entire Nation, one can only pose the question: What if we all attended work by way of telecommuting, 40 hours per week? How would our Gaming and Government operate?

Patrick Red Eagle, District 5 Representative stated he chose to get an apartment in the Black River Falls area as a cost savings measure. He stated at 55 cents per mile, for a round trip of 290 miles from Minneapolis to BRF, one day of travel would cost \$159.50. In a week's time the total cost would total \$797.50. Over one year the total is an estimated \$41,470.00. Rather than receiving the mileage allowance he receives rental assistance of \$300 per month, thereby eliminating the estimated \$41,470.00 mileage cost per year. Currently, there is no Code or Ordinance that addresses rental assistance for District Representatives.

When a Legislator attends an out-of state conference, former Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. gave full reports when attending conferences to his constituents. I cannot say what other Legislators have done or what they do to provide transparency to their constituents, but it definitely does not hurt to justify such expenses.

District 2 Representative, Andrea Estebo explained, "The survey, which was made available to all Representatives before it was taken public, was developed with the hope of bringing awareness to the tribal membership regarding this important Act. Current practices within the

Legislature need to be defined and reflected within the law – one way or the other. As lawmakers we receive questions and suggestions from the tribal membership in areas of concern, thereby prompting the questions within the survey. As a government official, we must ensure laws being made and/or revised are for the good of the people, which is what we are aiming to accomplish. Currently there is no decisive factor outlining allowable mileage costs. Rather, it is left for interpretation by each individual Representative. Over the years, mileage has been paid for Representatives to attend community and youth events, pow-wows, travel to and from their home to the BRF Executive Office(s), etc. Mileage paid to District Representatives for last fiscal year is as follows: District One in receipt of \$6,593.89, District Two \$29,276.81, District Three \$9,730.43, District Four \$15,310.96 and District Five \$22,596.62 totaling \$83,508.71. It is with hope that we develop criteria outlining mileage costs; however it is imperative we be careful not to limit Representatives ability to serve their constituency."

The idea is not to curtail or hinder the Legislature or its endeavors, but rather to heighten the accountability. The 45-day comment period for the LOA ended October 24 however tribal members will have the opportunity to further voice concerns on the Act at forthcoming public hearings.

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# News from Contract Health

## Submitted by Contract Health Services

There have been some recent questions about the need for policies and procedures for Contract Health Services. Policies and procedures are necessary to consistently and fairly utilize the funds Contract Health Services receives from Indian Health Services. There is a great need for Contract Health Services for uninsured Tribal Members and these policies are in place to assure everyone gets treated the same. With so many people applying for Contract Health Services, the policies and procedures guarantee that each claim is run through the same set of criteria.

To be eligible for Contract Health Services, Tribal Members cannot be eligible for any alternate medical funding resources such as Medicaid or Badger Care. Contract Health Services is NOT an entitlement program or an insurance plan. The funds received by Contract Health Services are separated by Indian Health Services into three areas: Medical Priorities, Dental Priorities, and Optical Care. Indian Health Services prioritizes medical care into the following levels:

**Priority IA:** Immediate medical emergencies; immediate life-threatening situations, threat to limb or the senses, unstable condition requiring treatment for

stabilization.

**Priority IB:** Potential for becoming life-threatening; not immediate emergency essential to daily function; not acceptable alternatives.

**Priority II:** Contributes to better daily functioning but not absolutely essential; able to function without procedure being performed; there may be acceptable alternatives to suggested treatment.

**Priority III:** May function with or without this procedure; results tend to be only cosmetic; there may be acceptable alternatives to suggested treatment.

Indian Health Services places dental care priorities into the following levels.

**Level I:** Emergency Care

**Level II:** Primary Care

**Level III:** Secondary Care

**Level IV:** Limited

Rehabilitation

**Level V:** Rehabilitation

**Level VI:** Complex

Rehabilitation

Optical Care is funded under the following conditions:

**A.** Eligibility for glasses once per year for:  
0-19 years  
55-over  
19-54 who are designated diabetic

**B.** Coverage is limited to eye exam, lenses and frames

**C.** Exclusions: tint, scratchgard, varilux lens, monogram, edging

treatment and repairs  
**D.** Exceptions: Eye exams and services related to eye disease/injury will be covered according to medical services policy.

Due to limitations on the funds provided, some medical referrals may not be within established and funded medical priorities, and therefore not payable with Contract Health Services funds. This is also why policies and procedures have been developed and need to be followed for Contract Health Services. If you have any questions about Contract Health Services or need to apply, please contact Elethe Nichols, Nancy Smith, or Christie Becker at 715-284-

## Halloween Candy

Submitted by Kathy Braaten, RD, CD, CDE

By now, everyone has been seeing Halloween candy in the stores for at least a month. Children have been eagerly anticipating the candy they will get on Halloween for almost as long! Helping your child learn to deal with this candy can be a good teaching opportunity for their health and their teeth. Here are some ideas for dealing with all those Halloween treats.

- 1.) Let the kids pick some candy to enjoy on Halloween (you decide how much, though). Then, put the candy up in a cupboard out of sight. (With any luck, they'll forget about it in a few days!)
- 2.) Pick a time of day when they can choose 1 or 2 small treats. After a meal is good; say, after supper, so they are not filling up on candy and the sugar isn't sitting on

their teeth all day.  
3.) Brush teeth shortly after this meal and the treats. Remember that caretakers should actually help with teeth brushing/flossing until a child is 7 or 8! This might also be a good time to let the kids pick out a fun new toothbrush.

- 4.) After a few weeks, you may want to get rid of any leftover candy. You might consider letting the kids decide if they want to give it away, donate it to a food pantry or homeless shelter, or send it to soldiers overseas. This also teaches kids a good lesson in sharing.

Handling candy in this way teaches kids moderation with sweets (but not deprivation), and caretakers can reinforce that too much candy and sugar are not good for their health or their teeth. Enjoy those trick or treaters!

## Black Bean Dip

- 1 (15-oz) can black beans, rinsed and drained well
- A bit of salt to taste, if desired
- 2 tablespoons olive oil (or other oil)
- 1 tablespoon lime juice or cider vinegar
- 1 small clove garlic, pressed or 1/8 tsp. garlic powder

Could also add a pinch of chili powder, cumin or chopped cilantro to taste!

Blend all ingredients together in a food processor or blender until very creamy. Add a couple Tablespoons of hot water if needed to achieve creaminess.

**Serve the black bean dip with carrot sticks for a fun, healthy, black-and-orange Halloween snack!**



Recipe from  
[www.family.go.com](http://www.family.go.com)

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## Ho-Chunk Health Care Center in Black River Falls

### Diabetes Learning Circle

**November 2011**

Date	Topic
November 3	Taking Care of Your Smile
November 17	Being Active During the Holidays

The Diabetes Learning Circle is a morning presentation and breakfast designed to provide people with information regarding diabetes prevention and management. Anyone is welcome to attend but we ask that you register for a seat.

The program is from 8:30- 9:15 each scheduled day in the Ho-Chunk Health Care Center Conference Classroom. A nutritious breakfast is served during the program. (Topics are subject to change).

For more information or to register contact:  
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# HCN Social Service Department Open House

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The Ho-Chunk Nation Social Service Department held an Open House to their NEW home on Thursday, October 20th. They are now located in the old Western Technical College's Black River Falls campus at 808 Red Iron Road, in Black River Falls, WI. Elizabeth Haller, Executive Director of Social Service, said "this is our dream home" and it offers the tribal members the "support and privacy" they deserve.

The Open House began with Social Service Department employees and veterans, Chris Estebo and Myrna Thompson, raising the U.S. and Ho-Chunk Nation flags over the new building. The Iron Mound Singers rendered a Ho-Chunk flag song.

Ho-Chunk Nation Vice



**Elizabeth Haller, Executive Director of Social Service smiles as she gives a tour of the new building.**

President Greg Blackdeer served as the Open House emcee and District III Legislator Hope Smith offered the opening prayer in the Hocak Language. Hinu Smith read a poem written by Roberta Decorah for the occasion. Executive Director Haller gave a welcome, thanks, and spoke about how the process had been "quite a journey." It's rare for a department of the Ho-Chunk Nation to purchase and open a department building. Haller said "we did this, because it needed to be done."

In 2008, the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature originally voted down the Social Service project. The building was the Social Service Department's 2009 Capital Project, budgeted for \$745,000.00, was later approved by Legislature in 2009. The property, 3.1 acres, and building were purchased from Western Technical College. Western Technical College paid rent after the purchase and before it moved to its downtown Black River Falls location. The remodeling and addition to the building began in January 2011, with a partial moving of the Executive Director, Youth Services, and the Community Support Services in May 2011. In mid August, the Child & Family Services, the department's largest division, moved in to the new building. Simmons Construction installed the building's new roof and siding. The completed project was finalized at \$725,000.00;

\$20,000.00 under budget.

Ho-Chunk Nation President Jon Greendeer spoke at the Open House about the building allowing the (Social Service) department to be Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) compliant. He said the building is "a site to see" and probably one of the "greatest (of its kind) in the Midwest Region." Greendeer also pointed out the "politics" of such an undertaking; having to "lobby for funding" from the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature. The project "goes through several administration" as the Ho-Chunk Nation "attempts to fill a need." He concluded by saying the (Social Service) department employees have "hearts for the clients they serve" and provide "education and the framework for a strong home."

Myrtle Long, of the Clan Mothers Program, who has worked in the Social Service Department since 1977, gave a brief historical account of the department. She said she began working with the department in the Port Edwards office as a mental health assistant. Then the office was relocated to an office in downtown Nekeosha. Later, the department moved to two separate locations in Tomah. The office was part of a "lock out" at one of the Tomah offices. The department had three Black River Falls locations: downtown, the "Incubator" building, and the old health



**Chris Estebo and Myrna Thompson raise the U.S. and Ho-Chunk Nation flag, while Iron Mound Singers render a Ho-Chunk flag song at the Social Service Open House.**

office. Long said along the way, she and her fellow employees "shared space with bats" and had a "radon scare." She said, after "33 years," "We finally have a home."

Several dignitaries were on hand to congratulate the Ho-Chunk Nation's Social Service Department: Senator Herb Kohl's Regional Representative, Bryce Luchterhand; Ron Kind's Congressional Aide, Mark Aumann; Dawn Vick, of the Wisconsin Department of Administration; Black River Falls School District Superintendent Ron Saari; and several former Executive Directors of Social Service. Each of the dignitaries made expressions regarding the Open House.

After the open mic, attendees were invited to snacks and a tour of the new



**Department sign in front of the new building.**

offices. The hallways had a Ho-Chunk appliqué border. Each division has its own secure office area. Executive Director Haller said, "We wanted colors, not a plain white institutional look." She said overall it was a "good turnout" and that she thought "people were surprised" by what the department provides. About the property, she concluded, "we will need to resurface our parking lot" soon.

## Domestic Abuse Program walks to raise awareness

Marlon WhiteEagle  
Staff Writer

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Domestic Violence Awareness Month was first observed in 1987, the same year the programs toll free 24 hour hotline began. U.S. Congress passed Public Law 101-112 in 1989 designating October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. According to U.S. President Barack Obama's Proclamation, signed on October 3rd, three women die each day due to domestic violence. It also says, one in four women, and one in thirteen men will encounter domestic violence in their lifetime. The Proclamation reads, "Children who experience domestic violence are at a higher risk for failure in school, emotional disorders, and substance abuse, and are more likely to perpetuate the cycle of violence themselves later in life."

Friday, October 14th, the Ho-Chunk Nation's Domestic Abuse Program held a walk to help raise awareness on the issue of domestic violence. Martina Gauthier, the Domestic Abuse Program Manager, said the walk and educational outreach help "bring up the subject in a subtle kind of way." Gauthier and Angela Smith, Domestic Abuse Program Advocate, were on hand from 10 am to 2

pm to share information about the program and the services available. Those that signed up for the walk received a t-shirt, walked the Fitness Trail that surrounds the Tribal Office Building and the Health Clinic. After the walk, the participants could grab a bite to eat. The walk had a total of 39 participants.

The program has three staff members: Gauthier, Manager; Smith, Advocate (working at Black River Falls Ho-Chunk Social Service building); and Honna Anderson, Advocate (based at the Ho-Chunk House of Wellness). The program operates a 24 hour crisis hotline, the Stop Abuse from Existing (S.A.F.E.) House, does educational outreach, and is a member of the Coordinated Community Response team. The Coordinated Community Response team meets to share resources and information to be ready and establish plans of action. The team is made up of local and/or regional authorities and agencies. Gauthier says the program's main priority is to help clients "get safe and stay safe." The program helps clients who call the crisis line, by referral from other emergency house sites, through Social Services, or from courts.

The Advocates are on call all the time. They undergo specific training for manning the hotline, like suicide

prevention, and helping clients set up distress codes for calling in an emergency. They learn guidelines for which questions to ask over the phone. They assist clients with anything and everything; Smith said, "I can get a call from a client at 1 am just to talk," then get up the next morning to "take a client to a job interview or medical appointment." The Advocates help set up long term or emergency housing. Smith said that "safety is our main priority." Sometime there may be a "big spurt of activity", but there's "no rhyme or reason" when things happen. Gauthier adds that "fall (in terms of seasons) is generally higher (for domestic violence occurrences)."

The Domestic Abuse Program is looking to design training for law enforcement to promote culturally appropriate procedures. Gauthier also said the programs Advisory Board works to keep funding coming in. The program does have a 7871 tax code, which allows them to accept donations. A wish list is posted on their web page of the www.ho-chunknation.com website. Gauthier said domestic violence "doesn't discriminate." It happens to men, women, young, old, rich, and poor. She believes the current economic recession is a great stressor.



**Angela Smith, Domestic Abuse Program Advocate, and Martina Gauthier, Domestic Abuse Program Director, walk to raise Awareness in their "Breaking the Cycle" t-shirts.**

Gauthier, who holds a law degree, pointed out that the O.J. Simpson murder case, where he was acquitted of murdering his wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ronald Goldman, concluded on October 3, 1995 and during Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Statistics from the National Domestic Violence Hotline, for the first half of 2011, show Los Angeles, New York City, Houston, and Chicago each receiving more than 1,000 calls. Wisconsin was shown to have received 676 calls. Wisconsin callers reported Emotional (97%), Physical (71%), and Sexual (5%) abuse. More than half (65%)

of the callers were from the victims, while (16%) were from the victims family or friends, (3%) were from service providers, (10%) from other, and (1%) were from the batterer. Wisconsin calls were to request Domestic Violence Services (64%), Legal Services (24%), and for Basic Human Needs (6%). The largest demographic of Wisconsin callers are Anglo, between 18 and 45 years old. In terms of ethnicity, Wisconsin callers were (71%) Anglo, (19%) Black, (6%) Hispanic, and (4%) other. The "other" category include: Native American/Alaskan Native, Middle Eastern, Asian, and Multiracial.



# ABC Reporter Diane Sawyer covers the despair on Pine Ridge Reservation

Marlon WhiteEagle  
Staff Writer

ABC's 20/20 aired Diane Sawyer's *Hidden America: Children of the Plains* on October 14, 2011. The piece focused on four youth who live on the Pine Ridge Reservation, which garners some of the worst demographic information in the U.S. Nearly half (49%) the reservation lives in poverty. The high school dropout rate is at 70%. Unemployment is at 70-80%, and 80% suffer from alcoholism. All of that leads to a very high suicide rate. Pine Ridge is home to the Oglala Sioux. This episode of 20/20 focuses on "what is it to be a child growing up on Pine Ridge."

First, we meet Robert Looks Twice. He's a 12 year old, who lives in a trailer with his grandmother, uncle, and eight cousins. He gives Sawyer a tour of the place. The floor is in bad need of reinforcement, and the ceiling leaks. Trash bags are used to prevent rain from making matter worse. Robert excels in school, sports, and in the powwow arena, but has a hard time finding a quiet place at home to study. He dreams of being the first in his family to go to college and becoming the first Native American to be elected as the President of the United States of America. When Sawyer hears his hopes of a U.S. Presidency, she laughs at the tenacity of the youth's dreams. It's evident that the young man sees beyond the despair that surrounds his world. He doesn't use his reality as a crutch, but is driven by his human spirit.



**Robert Looks Twice**  
(credit: Elissa Stohler/ABC News)

We also meet Robert's mother. She lives two hours away, in Rapid City, South Dakota. She works in a bar and as a gardener. He gets periodic visits from her. On one visit, she causes him to breakdown. Sawyer asks him if he wishes he had things easier, like his white counterparts. He tells her what his uncle told him. "There's a muddy road and a clear road." The kids with an easy life are on the "clear road", while the kids on the "muddy road" are building up strength." He explains that when he becomes president, his grandma wants a floor in

the White House to smell of fry bread. And she wants a tipi in the main room.

Next we meet Louise Clifford, 12, is a star student who loves math. She says her name in the Sioux language and translates it to English, Stands against the Wind. Her home has no heat when the 20/20 team comes to do the interview. The home is described as "collapsing and moldy." Her bedroom is too cold to sleep in, but it's her own. Her walls are painted pink and covered with Justin Bieber posters. Once her brother found her hanging by a rope; she tried to commit suicide when she was 11. She explains to Diane Sawyer, the camera, and millions of viewers that she will never do that again. She doesn't want her mom and brother to go through such a thing. Louise's mother is an alcoholic. Louise tells her mother "to come home safe" and have a designated driver.

When the children of Pine Ridge go to school, most go to an old and rundown school. Some of the schools still contain asbestos. The children eat up their food with no problem. Sometimes, it's the only meal they get. Malnutrition is also a problem faced by the Pine Ridge children.

Sawyer reports about the days when American Indians faced U.S. government relocation efforts. The motto, "kill the Indian, save the man" was used. Indian children were sent to boarding schools where they were not permitted to use their native languages. They were being assimilated to western thinking and pushed through western educational systems. Sawyer poses the question, "Can you succeed in the world without Western Education?" Of those she interviews, Jason Braveheart, a former Marine, reminds her that tribal leaders and chiefs (like Sitting Bull and Crazy Horse) "fought to preserve our culture." Braveheart says, the tribe is dependent on the U.S. government and tribal members believe "having more babies gets you more money (aid)."

Tashina Iron Horse, 5, is the little girl who teaches Diane Sawyer a couple dance moves. She's a fancy shawl dancer. She lives with her grandmother, parents, siblings, and her uncle. Tashina's mother had hopes of going to college to become a lawyer after graduating from high school. Then she got pregnant and her life's direction changed. Now she's working at the casino, sometimes working a double shift, to earn more money. Tashina's dad, DJ, is working to earn his GED and plans to apply for the tribal fire department. When Tashina grows up, she wants to be a cop so she can "arrest people" and "put drunks in jail." During the year and a

half it took the 20/20 piece to be completed, DJ died in a car accident. He was the passenger in a car that hit a tree; the driver was drunk. Sawyer says, "sorrow is that distance place where grownups get lost."

The town of White Clay, Nebraska has a population of 14 people and has four liquor stores. The White Clay Expansion, where present day White Clay, Nebraska is located, was originally set aside by the U.S. government to prevent alcohol from being brought or sold to the Sioux. Today, the liquor stores of White Clay sell four million cans of beer annually. The customers are 90% residents of the Pine Ridge Reservation. The population of Pine Ridge is approximately 40,000. The tribal police make nearly 17,000 arrests per year.

Alaina Clifford is an 18 year old high school student at Little Wound High School. She's active with cheerleading, singing, and acting. Alaina tries out to be a contestant on American Idol. The 20/20 team follows her to audition in Denver, Colorado. She doesn't make it, but remains optimistic. Alaina's boyfriend, attends Red Cloud High School, which is the only private high school on the reservation. Red Cloud boasts 90% of its graduates go on to college. The school receives outside donations and support. After dating for only four months, Alaina and her boyfriend find out that she's pregnant. Again, she remains optimistic. She completes high school and gives birth to their child. After graduation, the two get married. Pine Ridge has a teen pregnancy rate three times higher than the national average.

The Pine Ridge Reservation is also home to a Subway (restaurant). Nearly half of the population on Pine Ridge is diabetic. The life expectancy is also higher than the national average: 56 years for men, and 66 years for women. Mark Tilsen, of



**Young Tashina Iron Horse is a competitive pow wow dancer.**  
(credit: Elissa Stohler/ABC News)

the Tanka Bar company, said the "U.S. government wasted away the tribes lifeline" when they "killed 60 million buffalo in a span of 50 years." The Tanka Bar is a company that sells nutrition bars and is based on the Pine Ridge



**20 20 Diane Sawyer in Pine Ridge**

Reservation.

Another question posed by Sawyer is: "why don't you leave?" Sawyer continues, "the reservation is isolated." She notices the reservation has no "laundromat, car wash, or bike shop." The Tanka Bar company has gone through and seen firsthand all the red tape associated with operating a business on the reservation.

In conclusion, we learn that Louise's mother gets a grip on her alcoholism and begins working at the school. Louise plans to gain entrance into Red Cloud High School. Alaina is going to college to earn a business management degree. Tashina has made it into the first grade. Robert presents Diane Sawyer with a blanket. Robert says he'll be happy when the reservation "gets a mall, or a McDonalds." The viewers are told that conditions that exist in third world countries also exist in Pine Ridge, USA. They are challenged

are only two tragedies in life: one is not getting what one wants, and the other is getting it." Not being talked about is what caused the conditions of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. America refuses to believe and talk about certain parts of its history. Chiefly, how the indigenous people have been taken advantage of, wronged, swindled, put aside, and ignored. The Great Sioux Reservation used to encompass the entire Black Hills area, but when gold was discovered, the U.S. government decided to take half of the Black Hills. In the 1980s, the U.S. Supreme Court confirmed that an earlier treaty made this action illegal. The 20/20 piece touched on this by quoting the U.S. Supreme Court; it said "this is as dishonorable as anything in American History."

The story should have the reservation take a stark look at their reality. Would White Clay liquor stores go out of business if folks from the reservation didn't buy their liquor? I think they'd buckle and move to a new location. The airing of *Hidden America: Children of the Plains* will most likely benefit Pine Ridge. Being talked about, as a result of this episode of 20/20, will and should cause more charity from the wealthy celebrity types. The Sioux of Pine Ridge are not getting what they want. I don't think anyone wants high unemployment, high poverty, high malnutrition, and high suicide rates. But hearing them ask for malls, movie theatres, bike shops, and big businesses sounds like they want to be assimilated. Sawyer's *Hidden America* episode definitely uncovered and shed some much needed light upon a great and

to "build a school, come here to teach, offer our students a scholarship."

Two Oscar Wilde quotes come to mind: "The only thing worse than being talked about is not being talked about," and "There



# Dancing under the moonlight

Tracy Pecore  
Newsletter Editor

The Nekoosa area youth center held their first annual Youth Fall Social on October 13 with 74 registered attendees. Although on a school night, the older youth ranging from 12-17 years of age made their way to Cha-Ka-Chee to socialize with friends and family from other areas such as Wisconsin Dells, Wittenberg, Black River Falls, and of course the Nekoosa area. The teens and even a few adults enjoyed an evening of singing and dancing.

As area youth vans began to trickle in, the evening was filled with laughter and youth running around and hollering outside of the facility waiting patiently to eat. As the sun began to fall and the air became a tad bit chilly, everybody began to move indoors to eat the potluck style meal. The facility was full and it was hard to find a chair to sit on, and some were left standing.

The atmosphere was good and it was full of a lot of good conversations from the kids catching up with one another to the adults seeing how each center was doing. A special thank you to all those who helped provide the array of

food, and to the Nekoosa area youth council president, Myra Nakai, for offering a few words before the meal. After the meal, Little Thunder sang the Waduc song with help from two little back-up singers, Cameryn and Gracelyn Collins.

As everyone began filing outside for the evening social, the older kids gathered in groups as the younger ones played on the playground equipment. As it became dark the youth coordinators rounded up their kids and gathered them around the canopy placed just outside of the youth center. With the use of some makeshift lighting donated for the evening, there was enough light to see the sweat gleaming off faces from dancing so hard.

Although the girls outnumbered the boys by quite a majority, a two-step was one of the first songs sung. The night did not follow the protocol of a typical pow-wow, and there was no real intertribal songs per say but most songs were open to all. There were a couple specials such as a contest for adults and a team contest that did have limitations on participants. Fun was had by all who



**Nekoosa Fall Social held on October 13 with Chuck Davis emceeing the event (aka WI Dells Youth Coordinator Legend-ga). Bottom (L-R): Myshell Mike wins a Wii, Little Thunder singers, and Ona Garvin with her zoo crew wins a gift certificate for the gaga dance.**

attended and the night was full of laughter. At one point, the mood did get pretty serious for just a little while when a Nintendo Wii was up

for grabs. It was a last man standing, or should I say last girl standing competition to see who could stop on time at the end of each song. The contest lasted for a handful of songs and the girls gave their all. Myshell Mike, from WI Dells, outlasted the rest of the competitors and was the lucky winner of the Wii.

Nekoosa Youth Center Director, Joy Littlejohn thought it was a good turnout and said, "We didn't plan on having door prizes but with the help from the Family Service's Program, we were able to do more for the kids participating and hope to do it again in the future."

The Family Service Program is a state funded grant operated by Health Services and the department of Children and Family; a team based approach to family centered human service provision that relies on evaluation to show success. "We collaborate and coordinate with service providers within and outside the Nation to provide prevention activities, services,

and community education to members of the Ho-Chunk Nation community," said Family Services Program Manager, Ashley Keller.

Throughout the evening, door prizes were given to some youth who wore their outfits and danced, for those who participated and won a team dance special, for those who could stop on time, and for those that were there just to have fun. Congratulations to those that took home a pow-wow cd, an ipod shuffle, movie tickets, a Walmart gift card, and of course the Wii.

Although door prizes always add a bonus to an event, Littlejohn said, "We'd like to get out of the aspect of receiving a gift for attending and want to get back to just having fun and getting to know people."

For upcoming area youth events, contact your local youth and learning center. Don't forget about the all area youth Halloween party taking place October 28 at the House of Wellness.



**As the night came to an end, youth still in attendance gathered for a group shot and "struck a pose".**

## If you build it, they will come!



**HHCDA has been busy completing a baseball field in Wittenberg. All Wittenberg residents are encouraged to protect the field from ATV use, which would damage the field as it is getting established. Stay tuned for more to come such as a paved basketball court.**

# Ho-Chunk Nation employees participate in "Red Friday"

Marlon WhiteEagle  
Staff Writer

When DorMae Gebhardt's son was deployed to Afghanistan, with his Marine Corps unit, 1st Battalion 5th Marines Regiment out of Camp Pendleton, California, in March 2011, she knew it would be at least seven months before she would see her Combat Engineer son, Dave. DorMae is a Ho-Chunk Nation employee and has worked in the Compliance Department for 18 years. After talking with a mom of a Marine in her son's unit about "Red Friday", by herself, she began wearing a red shirt to work on Fridays. But she was not alone, thousands of Americans are beginning to wear red to work on Fridays. The website

[www.redshirtfridays.org](http://www.redshirtfridays.org) posts photos of businesses and companies who are participating in Red Friday to support the troops and remember those that made the ultimate sacrifice. Some people plan to wear red until all the troops are home, and some wear red to protest troops being deployed.

Denise Browne heard about Red Friday through e-mails. One day near the end of July, the two got to talking about how Red Friday was happening throughout the U.S. It was then that they decided to start a Red Friday effort at the Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Office Building. The two went to their perspective departments and asked their co-workers to join them. The Personnel Department has "four people who regularly wear red and three others (who need reminders)." Browne said, "We started wearing just plain red shirts from Wal-Mart." When the group was better organized, they ordered their official Red Friday shirts from the [www.marineparent.com](http://www.marineparent.com) website.

Gebhardt and Browne attempted to get backing from Ho-Chunk Nation President, Jon Greendeer, to gain more participants. Browne sent an e-mail and got a reply. President Greendeer wrote,



**Front Row:** Dormae Gebhardt, Eleanor Decorah, Cecelia Rave, Karen Green  
**Middle Row:** Linda Matti, Lynda Baxter, Stephanie Redbird, Denise Browne  
**Third Row:** Cheryl Brinegar, Daniel Shawley, Nicole Ward, Sue Thompson  
**Back Row:** Stacie Allen, Wanda Turnmire

"the Office has historically demonstrated support for veterans past & present & appreciate opportunities in our future. One thing to consider is that I was told that some Ho-Chunks depending on their woosga (way of life), are not supposed to wear red. It is a color worn by vets & members of the warrior clan." Browne admits she is not very familiar with tribal culture (practices), but would like other Ho-Chunk Nation employees and "tribal

members to participate in if they wish."

Robert Mann, Executive Director of Heritage Preservation (and former Veterans Affairs Officer), is a member of the Warrior Clan and Marine Corps veteran. The Hocak Worak conducted an interview with Mann, check out the video clip on our website [www.hocakworak.com](http://www.hocakworak.com). Mann said red is "a color that has different meanings to different people." He continues, "I can't tell one person, or anybody, on what they can and can't wear." "If someone wants to wear this (red), is non-Ho-Chunk; that's up to them. As far as the Ho-Chunk member is concerned, it would be up to that Ho-Chunk member to consult with their tribal clan leader or elder and ask them if it's appropriate."

As far as Gebhardt and Browne efforts to promote and participate in Red Friday, Gebhardt said they are doing it "just to make employees and the community aware of the fact that there are still men and women putting their lives on the line for us." Gebhardt believes "it's not about supporting the war. It's about supporting our troops, and the sacrifices they have made for us." During the week of October 15th - 21st, Gebhardt will be making a trip out to Camp Lejeune, North Carolina to receive her son back from his deployment to Afghanistan. Gebhardt said "it's been a long seven months, with a lot of ups

and downs. I worry about him day and night, as his unit lost Marines and a lot of wounded." "I could not even imagine what these young men and women have seen. I'm sure it will change them forever." She said, "even though my son will be home (soon), I will continue to wear red on Fridays to support them all until they all come home."

The Ho-Chunk, we are a warrior society. We have a long history, even before our first contact with European settlers, of honoring and respecting our warriors. Military service has become the new way to protect our people, way of life, and land. Right up to today, we still hold warriors in high regard. Week in and week out, at the Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Office Building, tribal employees who are veterans raise and lower the flags on Monday morning and Friday afternoons. A Ho-Chunk flag song is rendered to remember and support our service men and women. For many years, the Ho-Chunk Nation has hosted a Memorial Day powwow at the powwow grounds in Black River Falls. This is to memorialize and honor Ho-Chunk Nation veterans, and all veterans who are present. These are examples of our Red Friday, so to speak. So if you decide to wear a red shirt on Friday, it's another way to remember, support, and show your gratitude for all those that gave so you didn't have to.



**Robert Mann, Executive Director of Heritage Preservation speaks about wearing red.**

## 34th Annual Veterans Day Pow-wow

### Volk Field - Camp Douglas, WI

### Saturday Nov. 5, 2011

Sponsored by: DORA (Descendants of Red Arrow & Friends)

Honoring Veteran's contributions to the Global War On Terrorism.



#### Program Of Events:

11:00 AM Flag Raising  
12:00 Noon Meal Provided by D.O.R.A.  
1:00 PM Pow-wow Grand Entry  
5:00 PM Evening Meal Provided by D.O.R.A.

**Keynote Speaker: TBA**

Alcohol or drug use is strictly prohibited. Organizers and event hosts are not responsible for any personal items or property.

#### Pow-wow Information:

Host Drum  
Thundercloud Singers  
Open Drum  
Family Veterans Songs  
Traditional Giveaways  
Fundraisers

Auction: Donated by D.O.R.A.

Contact: Quentin Thundercloud  
(608) 372-9558

## VETERANS DAY

Those of you that have served in the Military from September 11, 2001 until the present, please contact:  
Veterans Service Officer, Mike Rave at 715-284-4563  
Or Quentin Thundercloud at 608-372-9558

**We are honoring you at the Veterans Day Pow-wow on November 5, 2011 at Camp Douglas, WI.**

Sponsored by: Descendants of the Red Arrow (D.O.R.A.)



# HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE REGULAR MEETING EXECUTIVE OFFICES – BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI AUGUST 23, 2011

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by President, Jon Greendeer at 10:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL:**  
President Jon Greendeer(P)  
Vice President Greg Blackdeer(P)  
Rep. Douglas Greengrass(P)  
Rep. Susan Weber(P) 9-0-0  
Rep. Andrea Estebo(P)  
Rep. James Greendeer(P)  
Rep. John Holst(10:37 a.m.)  
Rep. Hope Smith(10:01 a.m.)  
Rep. Elena Terry(P)  
Rep. Shelby Visintin(P)  
Rep. Greg Littlejohn(P)  
Rep. Patrick Red Eagle(EX)  
Rep. Robert TwoBears(EX)  
Rep. Forrest Whiteabbit(P)

**DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:** Quorum was established.

**OPENING PRAYER:** The opening prayer was offered by Frances Wentz.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Elena Terry to approve the agenda with the combining of items 16 & 17. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**  
**Legislative Minutes – August 8, 2011**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Susan Weber to approve the Legislative Meeting minutes of August 8, 2011 with corrections to include "read" on page 3, changing the last sentence to read will forward this documentation to the Education Department and will get a more definition timeline regarding the program at the lunch recess, correcting the resolutions to state "adopt" from "approve" and correction to "Van Steepen". Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 9-0-1(Rep. Smith) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**SUB COMMITTEE MINUTES:**  
**Referred Resolution –Adoption of Wisconsin Administrative Code For New Commercial Construction and Improvements**

**MOTION** by Rep. Doug Greengrass to put the resolution Adoption of Wisconsin Administrative Code For New Commercial Construction and Improvements out for 45 (forty five) day comment period. Second by Rep. James Greendeer. **Motion amended.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Doug Greengrass to refer the Adoption of Wisconsin Administrative Code For New Commercial Construction and Improvements resolution to Legislative Council to prepare a draft for Ho-Chunk Nation Code. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Rep. John Holst arrives at 10:37 a.m.**  
**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Resolution – Granting a Suitability Waiver for Case WV11-005**

**MOTION** by Rep. John Holst to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Resolution 08-23-11 A - Granting a Suitability Waiver for Case WV11-005. Second by Rep. Elena Terry. 6-0-5(Reps. Estebo, Weber, Whiteabbit, Littlejohn, V.P. Blackdeer) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**  
**Confirmation Hearing Interim Executive Director of Administration – Lynette LeGarde**

Ms. LeGarde has been familiarizing herself with the department. What are some of the project that Administration is currently working on? Energy Audit, applying for grants, 31 building, and restricting plan. Adding more staff to the Planning Department and data processing. Working on policy and procedures with the Veterans' Affairs. Video Conferencing. Improving with the House of Wellness Project plans for Phase III, making more efficient that what it is right now.

**Confirmation Hearing Interim Executive Director of Personnel- Ericka Cloud**  
Drug Policy changes, policy, pilot program, temp service, looking into data issue, Ho-Chunk preference has been an issue, to increase our numbers, discussion, current compliance regulations, are we where we are supposed to be. Do you see the Personnel Department going into Human Resources? Ms. Cloud sees it staying as Personnel Department, how are they going to be done, as far as HR direction, as far as personnel as a whole.

**Confirmation Hearing Interim Executive Director of Housing – Myra Jo Price**  
How do you see Housing working with HHCD? We both provide services to our tribal members and both have qualified staff. Scoring for HOP program? Have received complaints, have to look at the past and the Executive Branch. One of the priorities is to ask the President do, they have to wait for their number to come up. How many people are waiting for a home? 88 elders, 1200 tribal members. The staff is anxious and excited to see what they can accomplish.

**MOTION** by Rep. Susan Weber to table the Confirmation Hearings until Legislative Council can draft confirmation resolutions for the executive directors and present after lunch. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 9-1(Rep. Greg Littlejohn, Second by Rep. Greg Blackdeer) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution – Placing the Legislative Organization Act Out for Forty-Five Day Review**

**MOTION** by Rep. Susan Weber to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Resolution 08-23-11 B - Placing the Legislative Organization Act Out for 45 Day Review. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 6-4(Reps. Holst, Smith, Littlejohn, Whiteabbit)-1(Rep. Greendeer) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution – Proposed Amendments to the Public Nuisance Act (3HCC §2) Out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment**

**MOTION** by Rep. Elena Terry to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Resolution 08-23-11 C Proposed Amendments to the Public Nuisance Act (3HCC §2) Out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment. Second by Rep. Hope Smith. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution – Establishment of Legislative**

**Workgroup to Update the Charitable**

**Request Act**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Elena Terry to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Resolution 08-23-11 D - Establishment of Legislative Workgroup to Update the Charitable Request Act. Second by Rep. Hope Smith. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Grants to Tribes for Law Enforcement Programs**  
Kris Goodwill is seeking Legislative approval to research the grant issue, no motion needed.

**Resolution – United States Fish & Wildlife Service Tribal Wildlife Grant Application for the Establishment of a Wildlife Program**

**MOTION** by Rep. John Holst to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Resolution 08-23-11 E - United States Fish & Wildlife Service Tribal Wildlife Grant Application for the Establishment of a Wildlife Program. Second by Rep. Susan Weber. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution – Authorizing Painting of HCG Towers**

**MOTION** by V.P. Greg Blackdeer to table the Authorizing Painting of HCG Logs on HCN Water Towers resolution for research and funding aspect. Second by Rep. John Holst. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution – Trust & Investment Committee Establishment and Organization Act of 2011**

**MOTION** by Rep. John Holst to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Resolution 08-23-11 F - Trust & Investment Committee Establishment and Organization Act of 2011. Second by Rep. Elena Terry. 7-0-4(Reps. Whiteabbit, Estebo, Weber, V.P. Blackdeer) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution – Authorizing Closing of Wells Fargo LOC Clearing Account at Jackson County Bank**

**MOTION** by V.P. Greg Blackdeer to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Resolution 08-23-11 G - Authorizing Closing of Wells Fargo LOC Clearing Account at Jackson County Bank. Second by Rep. Elena Terry. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Rep. Greendeer, Rep. Greengrass & Visintin were out of the room**

**Recess for Lunch**

**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to recess for lunch. Second by Rep. John Holst. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Rep. Greengrass & Visintin were out of the room**

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:55 a.m.

**CALL BACK TO ORDER:** The meeting was called back to order by President Jon Greendeer at 1:16 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

President Jon Greendeer(P)  
Vice President Greg Blackdeer(P)  
Rep. Douglas Greengrass(P)  
Rep. Susan Weber(P)  
Rep. Andrea Estebo(P)  
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Rep. Patrick Red Eagle(EX)  
Rep. Robert TwoBears(EX)  
Rep. Forrest Whiteabbit(P)

**Resolution – Approval of the Ho-Chunk RFP Project Administrator: Kijire Nagu Healing Center**

**MOTION** by Rep. John Holst to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Resolution 08-23-11 H - Approval of the Ho-Chunk RFP Project Administrator: Kijire Nagu Healing Center. Second by Rep. Elena Terry. 3-5(Reps. Greengrass, Smith, Whiteabbit, Weber, V.P. Blackdeer)-2(Reps. Estebo & Greendeer) **MOTION DEFEATED.**

**Rep. Greendeer, Rep. Greengrass & Visintin were out of the room**

**For the Record:** Rep. Estebo supports the Healing Center project. However, feels the project will be better administered by Executive Branch.

**MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo request the Executive Branch present a budget for the Healing Center. Second by Rep. Susan Weber. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Agenda Amendment**

**MOTION** by Rep. Doug Greengrass to amend the agenda to address Dr. Alec Thundercloud next on the agenda. Second by Rep. John Holst. 9-0-1(Rep. Estebo) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Confirmation Hearing Interim Executive Director of Health - Alec Thundercloud**

Dr. Alec Thundercloud was unreachable due to the earthquake on the East Coast.

**Taskforce Prioritization**

**MOTION** by Rep. Susan Weber to move the Taskforce Prioritization after the Confirmation Hearings. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution – Nomination of Steve Garvin to National Indian Gaming Commission Tribal Advisory Committee**

**MOTION** by Rep. John Holst to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Resolution 08-23-11 J - Nomination of Steve Garvin to National Indian Gaming Commission Tribal Advisory Committee. Second by Rep. Doug Greengrass. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Agenda Amendment**

**MOTION** by Rep. Susan Weber to address the Executive Director Confirmation next on the agenda. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution – Confirmation of Lynette LeGarde to the Position of Executive Director of Administration**

**MOTION** by Rep. Doug Greengrass to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Resolution 08-23-11 J Confirmation of Lynette LeGarde to the Position of Executive Director of Administration. Second by Rep. James Greendeer. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Rep. James Greendeer is excused at 2:00 p.m.**

**Resolution – Confirmation of Ericka Cloud to the Position of Executive Director of the Department of Personnel**

**MOTION** by Rep. Doug Greengrass to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Resolution 08-23-11 K Confirmation of Ericka Cloud to the Position of Executive Director of the Department of Personnel. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**CARRIED.**

**Resolution – Confirmation of Myra Jo Price to the Position of Executive Director of the Department of Housing**

**MOTION** by Rep. Susan Weber to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Resolution 08-23-11 L Confirmation of Myra Jo Price to the Position of Executive Director of the Department of Housing. Second by Rep. Doug Greengrass. 8-0-1(Vice President Greg Blackdeer) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution – Confirmation of Dr. Alec Thundercloud to the Position of Executive Director of the Department of Health**

**MOTION** by Rep. Forrest Whiteabbit to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Resolution 08-23-11 M Confirmation of Dr. Alec Thundercloud to the Position of Executive Director of the Department of Health. Second by Vice President Greg Blackdeer. 7-0-0(Rep. Estebo, Weber) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution – Confirmation of Sheila Corbino to the Position of Attorney General of the Ho-Chunk Nation**

**MOTION** by Rep. Forrest Whiteabbit to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Resolution 08-23-11 N Confirmation of Sheila Corbino to the Position of Attorney General of the Ho-Chunk Nation. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 6-1(Rep. Smith)-2(Reps. Estebo, Terry) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution – Confirmation of Kathryn Young to the Position of the Treasurer for the Ho-Chunk Nation**

**MOTION** by Rep. Elena Terry to table the Confirmation of Kathryn Young to the Position of the Treasurer for the Ho-Chunk Nation resolution. Second by Rep. Susan Weber. 8-0-1(Rep. Smith) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Task Force Prioritization**

Most of the establishment acts have board of directors established, current inventory executive staff just created a new work group. Reviewing the board most could be referred to Office of the President, unless Legislative law making group.

**District Concerns:**

**District 1:**  
Hope Smith, 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Doug Greengrass to refer the District 1 Meeting minute motion to provide light to East Sand Pillow to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. Susan Weber. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:****Administration Committee – August 24, 2011**

**MOTION Carried.** Rep. Andrea Estebo to approve the Administration Committee Meeting minutes of August 24, 2011 with corrections to page 2 under Unfinished Business; Comp & Class the wording should be to report back to the Administration Committee bi-monthly instead of monthly. Second by Rep. Hope Smith. 8-1(Rep. Two Bears)-2(Reps. Holst, RedEagle) **Motion Carried.**

**Development Sub-Committee – July 21, 2011**

**MOTION** by Rep. Doug Greengrass to approve the Development Sub-Committee Meeting minutes of August 25, 2011, with correction on page 3; last motion Vice President Blackdeer opposed the motion and to note for the record on the minutes that the outside consultant is being considered as the Department of Business is not capable to do the due diligence at this time. Second by Rep. John Holst. 8-2(Rep. Two Bears, VP Blackdeer)-1(Rep. Weber) **Motion Carried.**

**Finance Committee – August 25, 2011**

**MOTION** by Rep. Robert Two Bears to approve the Finance Committee Meeting minutes of August 31, 2011, with correction on page 8, third motion to and wording “per expense” after the District. Also on page 8, fourth motion to add the letter “n” to the word motion. Second by Rep. Susan Weber. 10-0-1(Rep. Greendeer) **Motion Carried.**

**NOTE:** It was recommended to add the names of the line items on budget modification motions.

**401(K) Resolution:** No resolution was presented, and will be placed on next Legislative Meeting agenda.

**FY11-12 Constitutional Reform Taskforce Budget:**

**For the Record:** This item was presented to the Legislature per the Finance Meeting minutes, and that the Legislature accepted the Constitutional Reform budget justification.

**Gaming Compact Credit Resolution:**

This resolution authorizes a Gaming Compact deduction of the Nation's costs associated with the Wazee public project and that the Nation through its Legislature, President, Attorney General, Legislative Counsel, designated counsel and appropriate staff, shall consult with the State of Wisconsin regarding the Wazee public works projects and the Nation's intention to deduct the associated costs from the Tribe's annual payment to the State.

**MOTION** by Rep. John Holst to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Resolution 09-06-11A Authorization to Deduct Amounts from Annual Gaming Compact Payment in Fiscal Year 2011-2012. Second by Rep. Susan Weber. 11-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Confirmation of the Appointment of the Treasurer for the Ho-Chunk Nation:** Ms. Kathryn Young was present and discussed the accomplishments since being in the Department of Treasury. The Department has updated job descriptions, policies and procedures, and drafted Standard Operation of Procedures for the Department. IT Projects which included time and attendance, data bases for budget information, per capita loans, and advance travel reconciliations. Audit findings are being resolved.

**MOTION** by Rep. Susan Weber to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Resolution 09-06-11B Confirmation of Kathryn Young to the Position of Executive Director of the Department of Treasury. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 4-6(Reps. Greengrass, Whiteabbit, Red Eagle, Greendeer, Smith, Holst)-1(Rep. Estebo) **Motion Defeated.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Hope Smith to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Resolution 09-06-11C Denial of Confirmation of Kathryn Young to the Position of Executive Director of the Department of Treasury. Second by Rep. James Greendeer. 6-3(Reps. Two Bears, Weber, VP Blackdeer)-2(Reps. Visintin, Estebo) **Motion Carried.**

**NEW BUSINESS:****Acceptance of Application for Interim Director for the Department of Business:**

**MOTION** by Vice President Greg Blackdeer to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Resolution 09-06-11D Acceptance of Application of Carole Lastrup to be Interim Director of the Department of Business. Second by Rep. John Holst. 10-0-1(Rep. Estebo) **Motion Carried.**

**Confirmation Hearings for Executive Directors:**

Ms. Adrienne Thunder was present and discussed what has been happening in the Education Department. Most of the time has been reviewing the department managers and working with the division managers in ways to improve services to our tribal members. Two programs reviewed were the Pre K-12, which has a broad scope as a program and Higher Education, which is under serving our tribal members in college and the need for more positions for this program. She has been working with Social Services and Black River Falls School District and addressing issues our youth have.

**MOTION** by Rep. Susan Weber to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Resolution 09-06-11E Confirmation of Adrienne Thunder to the Position of Executive Director of the Department of Education. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 9-0-2(Reps. Smith, Two Bears) **Motion Carried.**

Mr. Robert Mann was present and discussed what has been happening in the Department of Heritage Preservation. He has been becoming familiar with the divisions within this department, which are Enrollment, DNR, Cultural Resources and Language Division. In his review, he noticed the need to update policies and procedures. There have been meetings with division directors to begin these updates.

**MOTION** by Rep. James Greendeer to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Resolution 09-06-11F Confirmation of Robert Mann to the Position of Executive Director of the Department of Heritage Preservation.

Second by Rep. Robert Two Bears. 11-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

Ms. Elizabeth Haller was present and discussed what has been happening in the Department of Social Services. Since the last time before the Legislature, Social Services had the Family Wellness Retreat with Rep. Hope Smith. The Child & Family Services has moved into the building, and will be having the Open House in the near future. Working on data system with IT Department.

**MOTION** by Rep. Robert Two Bears to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Resolution 09-06-11G Confirmation of Elizabeth Haller to the Position of Executive Director of the Department of Social Services. Second by Rep. Hope Smith. 11-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

**Recess:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Hope Smith to recess for lunch. Second by Rep. John Holst. 11-0-0 **Motion Carried. The meeting recessed at 11:48 a.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by President Jon Greendeer at 11:50 a.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

President Jon Greendeer (P)  
Vice President Greg Blackdeer (P)  
Rep. Douglas Greengrass (P)  
Rep. Susan Weber (P)  
Rep. Andrea Estebo (P)  
Rep. James Greendeer (P)  
Rep. John Holst (P)  
Rep. Hope Smith (P)  
Rep. Shelby Visintin (P)  
Rep. Patrick Red Eagle (P)  
Rep. Greg Littlejohn (EX)  
Rep. Forrest Whiteabbit (P)

Rep. Robert Two Bears (P)  
**DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:** Quorum was established.

**NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:****Memorandum of Understanding Relating to Child/Juvenile Protection Resolutions:**

These resolutions primary outcome intended by these agreements is to continue to enhance the planning, coordination and delivery of services between Clark County Department of Health and Human Services, Jackson County Department of Social Services, and the Nation's Division of Child and Family Services. This will be accomplished by establishing clear and specific roles, responsibilities, and timelines to facilitate best practices between these agencies and ensuring the most culturally appropriate and effective services are being offered to the Nation's families.

**MOTION** by Rep. Doug Greengrass to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Resolution 09-06-11H Approval of County Tribal Memorandum of Understanding Relating to Child/Juvenile Protection for Clark County. Second by Rep. John Holst. 11-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Doug Greengrass to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Resolution 09-06-11I Approval of County Tribal Memorandum of Understanding Relating to Child/Juvenile Protection for Jackson County. Second by Rep. Forrest Whiteabbit. 11-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

**Ho-Chunk Nation Community Support**

**Project S.A.F.E. House Endowment Fund Account Resolution:** This resolution is that the Legislature renders its full support to the S.A.F.E. House Endowment Fund monies placed in segregated accounts within the Nation's Department of the Treasury so that monies received for the S.A.F.E. House will be maintained at all times and not disbursed in the Nation's General Fund at the end of each fiscal year. S.A.F.E. House Endowment funds are to be used for anything that is related to fulfilling the general objectives and mission of the S.A.F.E. House.

**MOTION** by Rep. Forrest Whiteabbit to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Resolution 09-06-11J Ho-Chunk Nation Community Supportive Services Project S.A.F.E. House Endowment Fund Account. Second by Rep. John Holst. 11-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

**Grant Proposal to U.S. Department of Transportation Tribal Transit Program:** The Ho-Chunk Nation's 10-Year Strategic Plan, adopted in May 2002, identified the following transportation-related strategies:

a) Community Health long-term strategy #3 – “Develop and establish a coordinated, collaborative transportation program to assist tribal members to access health care” and b) Youth Services strategy #5 – “Provide transportation for youth to participate in educational and recreational activities.” This resolution is that the Legislature fully supports and authorizes the *Ho-Chunk Nation Public Transit Plan* grant proposal to be submitted to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Tribal Transit Program, requesting federal funding in order to promote the general welfare of Ho-Chunk members.

**MOTION** by Rep. Robert Two Bears to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Resolution 09-06-11K Grant Proposal to U.S. Department of Transportation Tribal Transit Program. Second by Rep. John Holst. 11-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

**Bureau of Indian Affairs Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) Award:**

This resolution is that the Legislature is committed to the Bureau of Indian Affairs Great Lakes Restoration Initiative funding award for the purpose of implementing the Ho-Chunk Nation Bison Farm Bank Stabilization project on the Wisconsin River in Richland County, Wisconsin.

**MOTION** by Vice President Greg Blackdeer to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Resolution 09-06-11L Bureau of Indian Affairs Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) Award. Second by Rep. James Greendeer. 10-0-1(Rep. Holst) **Motion Carried.**

**Tribal Self-Governance Program:**

These resolutions are that the Legislature gives their commitment for a very ambitious endeavor and support this application for the 1 year Indian Health Services Tribal Self-Governance Program Planning and Negotiation Cooperative Agreement. Grant which will investigate the benefits of a compact agreement and create a

collaboration of negotiation between Indian Health Services and the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health.

**MOTION** by Rep. Robert Two Bears to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Resolution 09-06-11M Tribal Self-Governance Program Planning Cooperative Agreement. Second by Rep. Hope Smith. 11-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Robert Two Bears to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Resolution 09-06-11N Tribal Self-Governance Program Negotiation Cooperative Agreement. Second by Rep. John Holst. 11-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

**Legislative Sub-Committee:**

This is due to the vacancy of one seat for District 3, and in accordance with the Legislative Organization Act, Section 15 in the absence of there will be temporary appointments of the other representative from that District. Rep. Smith will have to be a member of the Administration, Development, and Finance Committee. Rep. Smith will have to temporary step down from the President's Office of the Administration Committee until this vacant seat is filled.

**MOTION** by Vice President Greg Blackdeer to appoint Rep. John Holst as the Temporary Presiding Officer for the Administration Committee. Second by Rep. Forrest Whiteabbit. 10-0-1(Rep. Holst) **Motion Carried.**

**MOTION** by Rep. John Holst to appoint Vice President Greg Blackdeer as the Temporary Second Presiding Officer for the Administration Committee. Second by Rep. Robert Whiteabbit. 10-0-1(Rep. Holst) **Motion Carried.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Susan Weber to appoint Rep. Hope Smith as a temporary member to the Administration Committee and Development Sub-Committee for District 3. Second by Rep. Robert Two Bears. 10-0-1(Rep. Smith) **Motion Carried.**

**MOTION** by Rep. John Holst to have Legislative Counsel draft a resolution to replace Rep. Andrea Estebo with Rep. James Greendeer on the Development Sub-Committee, and bring back to the next Legislative Meeting. Second by Rep. Patrick Red Eagle. 7-2(Reps. Two Bears, Weber)-2(Reps. Estebo, Greendeer) **Motion Carried.**

**Update from FMAP Workgroup:**

Rep. Robert Two Bears stated this is the first official update from the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage Workgroup. The workgroup has been meeting more consistently over the last two months, and have been working with the Executive Director of Health and our lobbyist, Ms. Samantha Greendeer of Whyte Hirschboeck Dudek is here. Recently had a meeting with the State Health Officer and if Ms. Greendeer wouldn't mind giving an update.

Ms. Samantha Greendeer's discussion – Two things briefly, one is that there is a lot of health care going on in DC right now. As you know, the Affordable Care Act was passed earlier this year. There are improvements needed to the law, and tribes need to provide comments. Ho-Chunk has two problems, one being logistic problems, and how do we see the outer limits of the State boundaries and the second is per capita income, which puts many over the 133% poverty line. The workgroup is focusing on the whole look of our health care system and structure to seek the Federal Government. Second thing, Ms. Greendeer handed out a presentation that was given to the State Department of Health Services, who meet with our Health Care Representatives at the Ho-Chunk Wellness last Thursday. Invited State to let them know Ho-Chunk looked at the Act, and some of the important topics and issues for Ho-Chunk.

**CTF General Council Presentation:** Ms. Becky Albert was present and handed out the power point presentation on the Children's Trust Fund Presentation for Council Council on September 17, 2011. The Children's Trust Fund Workgroup would like input on the presentation material.

**MOTION** by Rep. Susan Weber to have Legislative Counsel and Ms. Becky Albert work on finalizing the CTF presentation for General Council. Second by Rep. John Holst. 11-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

**District Concerns:**

**District 1:** No concerns to address at this time.

**District 2:** No concerns to address at this time.

**District 3:** No concerns to address at this time.

**District 4:** There was the concern regarding Summerfest tickets, as the area usually receives fifty tickets and only received thirteen. Will there be any more tickets received? The Summerfest tickets have been distributed and the area will not be receiving more tickets for Summerfest.

Elder, Hazel Shegonee brought her concern regarding her roof needing repair. She states she does not have insurance, because the insurance company will not cover her due to the roof needing repairs. She has had three bids done and contacted TAU and TAU stated she would be considered and placed on a list of other needing roof repairs, but has not heard back from TAU, so she wanted to request to the Legislature.

**MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to accept the lowest bid for roof repair for Hazel Shegonee from the funds allocated for the Elders needing roof repair and this is contingent on a five year shelter agreement and the check payable directly to vendor.

Second by Rep. James Greendeer. 10-0-1(Rep. Two Bears) **Motion Carried.**

**District 5:**

**Education Funding Request:** Rep. Forrest Whiteabbit has a request from a tribal member requesting to return to college, as doing a career change and not able to use the Education Department's programs for funding.

**MOTION** by Rep. Forrest Whiteabbit to provide funding for tuition to Viterbo College for the next semester. The amount currently limited to under graduates of \$4,000.00 with the stipulation of grade requirement for continued funding and if

grades not maintained to have a payback provision to the Education Department and this amount to be allocated from the Charitable Contributions. Second by Rep. Patrick Red Eagle. 2-7(Reps. Visintin, Holst, Smith, Weber, Estebo, Greengrass, Two Bears)-2(Rep. Greendeer, VP Blackdeer) **Motion Defeated.**

**For the Record:** A better avenue would be for the Education Department come back with recommendations to address this issue for Tribal Members as a whole, not just individual request that come in.

**Travel Report:**

Rep. Robert Two Bears stated he will have his report on MAST in the Ho-Cak Worak, and Rep. Patrick Red Eagle reported on the Cigarette Tax Issue Seminar.

**Agenda Amendments:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Patrick Red Eagle to amend the agenda to add IRRPCC Conference under Conference Approvals. Second by Rep. Forrest Whiteabbit. 10-0-1(Rep. Weber) **Motion Carried.**

**Conference Approvals:****HHS Affordable Care Act Tribal Consultations:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Hope Smith to have President Jon Greendeer attend the 2011 HHS Affordable Care Act Tribal Consultations. 10-0-1(Rep. Blackdeer) **Motion Carried.** Blackdeer or designee(s) attend to represent the Ho-Chunk Nation. Second by Rep. Doug Greengrass. 10-0-1(Rep. Blackdeer) **Motion Carried.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Patrick Red Eagle to have Rep. Greg Littlejohn, Legislative Counsel, Michael Murphy, and Mr. Tom Springer to attend the IRRPCC Conference in Washington D.C. Second by Rep. Doug Greengrass. 10-0-1(Rep. Blackdeer) **Motion Carried. (Rep. Smith out of the room).**

**Note:** President Greendeer stated that in the event that the Legislature does send Rep. Littlejohn to represent the Nation, it will be at his discretion, as the President. President Greendeer has no problem authorizing Rep. Littlejohn to represent the Nation in this regard, as he is a District 5 Representative and that's who he represents. If Rep. Littlejohn goes to Washington DC, he will be representing the Nation at the President's discretion.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**MOTION** by Rep. John Holst to go into Executive Session. Second by Rep. Patrick Red Eagle.

**7-0-0 Motion Carried. (Reps. Greendeer, Estebo, Visintin, Weber out of the room).**

**The meeting went into executive session at 3:38 p.m.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Doug Greengrass to return to Open Session. Second by Rep. John Holst.

**10-0-0 Motion Carried. (Rep. Susan Weber out of the room).**

**The meeting returned to Open Session at 5:50 p.m.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Robert Two Bears to ratify all actions taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. John Holst. 10-0-0 **Motion Carried. (Rep. Susan Weber out of the room).**

**Agenda Amendment:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to amend the agenda to add Offsite Meeting and Lynwood Summary. Second by Rep. John Holst. 10-0-0 **Motion Carried. (Rep. Susan Weber out of the room).**

**MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to hold a Special Off-Site Meeting to review Legislative Organization Act and legislative priorities. Second by Rep. John Holst. 9-1(Rep. Whiteabbit)-1(Rep. Weber) **Motion Carried.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo that Legislative Counsel prepare a Lynwood Summary, and have ready for next week's Area Meetings. Second by Rep. James Greendeer. 10-0-1(Rep. Blackdeer) **Motion Carried.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Doug Greengrass to adjourn the meeting. Second by Rep. John Holst.

**10-0-0 Motion Carried.**

**The meeting adjourned at 7:37p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Hope B. Smith, Tribal Secretary Vicki L. Shisler, Recording Secretary

**HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE****REGULAR MEETING****TRIBAL OFFICE BUILDING – BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI****SEPTEMBER 28, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by President Jon Greendeer at 10:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

President Jon Greendeer (P)  
Vice President Greg Blackdeer (P)  
Rep. Douglas Greengrass (P)  
Rep. Susan Weber (P)  
Rep. Andrea Estebo (P)  
Rep. James Greendeer (P)  
Rep. John Holst (P)  
Rep. Hope Smith (P)  
Rep. Shelby Visintin (P)  
Rep. Patrick Red Eagle (P)  
Rep. Greg Littlejohn (P)  
Rep. Forrest Whiteabbit (P)  
Rep. Robert Two Bears (P)

**DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:**

Quorum was established.

**OPENING PRAYER:**

A prayer was offered by Rep. Susan Weber.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Vice President Greg Blackdeer. 12-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:****Legislative Meeting Minutes – September 6, 2011**

**MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to approve the Legislature Meeting minutes of September 6, 2011 with corrections, on page

7, add a “t” to Rep. Whiteabbit's first name, correct spelling of “request” on second motion, strike wording on For the Record except last sentence. Second by Rep. John Holst. 12-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

**For the Record:** Vice President Greg Blackdeer stated that on page 1, first motion was concerning due to the fact that the time reporting after computer” was added to the original District 5 motion. It is standard practice that you read the district motions verbatim as they are in the district meeting minutes.

**Agenda Amendment:**

**MOTION** by Rep. James Greendeer to amend the agenda to hear item c. Healing Center under Unfinished Business next on the agenda. Second by Rep. John Holst. 8-3(Reps. Whiteabbit, Greengrass, VP Blackdeer)-1(Rep. Weber) **Motion Carried.**

**Healing Center Resolutions:**

Ms. Roberta Decora was present to discuss the history/review of the Healing Center. There was a resolution at General Council to have this project completed by 2015. If some of these issues are not resolved within the next six months, this whole planning effort will probably be going out longer than 2015. There is a need for this RFP for the Project Administrator. Ms. Decora also mentioned the history of the legislative action wanting a treatment center that goes back as far as 1990, and again in 1993.

This resolution is that the Legislature authorizes the Executive Branch to utilize revenues collected from the Nation's Tax Code that have been placed in the special revenue account described in Section 14a of the Tax Code, and authorizes the Executive Branch to use such funds for the planning and development of the Kijire Nagu Healing Center project.

**MOTION** by Rep. John Holst to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation resolution 09-20-11A Financial Support for the Completion of the Healing Center and Authorization to Utilize Funds for the Kijire Nagu Healing Center. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo.

It was asked if a budget could be prepared by Executive Branch. It is hard to prepare a budget when we do not know how much it will cost. The budget has been coming out of General Funds and there is no comprehensive budget or any plans for the Healing Center. There was a statement made that Legislative Branch does not have the resources to take on this project and the need to collaborate on this project with the Executive Branch. Need a budget to request funds from the Tax Code. Ms. Decora will take back to the Workgroup and will bring back when plan is completed.

**Motion is rescinded and second concurs.****PRESENTATION:**

**Joseph Eve – 2011 Lynwood Audit:** There was a telephone conference call with Joseph Eve regarding having a report from Lynwood under Treasury. There have been a number of issues with Lynwood and would like to recommend that Lynwood items for audit be sent to Treasury first, as this would be more cost saving for the Nation. Lynwood needs to send items to Treasury by November 1, 2011. Joseph Eve will send a check list of items needed from Lynwood for audit purposes.

**MOTION** by Rep. Susan Weber to have Legislative Counsel and Attorney General

conduct an audit of the Nation's 401(K) plan audit check list from Joseph Eve, be sent to Treasury prior to information being sent to Joseph Eve. Second by Vice President Greg Blackdeer. 11-0-0 **Motion Carried. (Rep. Doug Greengrass out of the room).**

**MOTION** by Rep. President Greg Blackdeer to request the Division of Natural Resources working with the Attorney General and Legislative Council to collaborate on developing a RFP for a Real Estate Appraisal. Second by Rep. Weber. 11-0-0 **Motion Carried. (Rep. Doug Greengrass out of the room).**

**MOTION** by Rep. President Greg Blackdeer to request the Division of Natural Resources working with the Attorney General and Legislative Council to collaborate on developing a RFP for a Real Estate Appraisal. Second by Rep. Weber. 11-0-0 **Motion Carried. (Rep. Doug Greengrass out of the room).**

Melissa from Joseph Eve stated she would need information from the Legislators for an audit profile. Information included would be: educational background, committees served on or jobs held that would pertain to their positions. It is just a glorified resume.

**For the Record:** Rep. Robert Two Bears stated that this is a standard practice, that he has been on the Legislature for two years and this has never been brought up in the past, that a profile has never been requested. Treasury provided the audit profiles in the past and probably just informal from working with the Legislators.

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:****Administration Committee – September 8, 2011**

**MOTION** by Rep. Hope Smith to approve the Administration Committee Meeting minutes of September 8, 2011 with corrections, on page 2 to strike the wording “due to lack of representation”, as this was tabled for this reason. Second by Rep. John Holst.

**11-1(Rep. Two Bears)-0 Motion Carried.****Finance Committee:****401(K) Resolution:**

This resolution is that the Legislature pursuant to its Constitutional authority, hereby reallocates the Nation's 401(K) Plan Model Portfolios and Investments as recommended by Baker Tilly, and that the Vice President of the Nation is authorized to execute any necessary documents with Baker Tilly to memorialize the allocations and the check payable directly to vendor.

**MOTION** by Rep. John Holst to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation resolution 09-20-11A Reallocation of Funds in Portfolios Contained within Ho-Chunk Nation's 401(K) Plan and Trust. Second by Rep. Hope Smith. 10-0-1(Rep. Two Bears)-1(Rep. Estebo) **Motion Carried.**

**Allocation of Investment Funds into a Laddered Portfolio:**

This resolution is that the Legislature authorizes the Nation's Treasury Department to work with the real estate industry and the Nation's existing account at Pershing Advisor Solutions to strategically ladder investments in order to potentially increase

interest earnings and meet this investment objective. The Legislature directs that proceeds from the coupon payments, principal pay downs and maturities of this investment shall be reinvested so as to maintain a laddered approach.

**MOTION** by Rep. President Greg Blackdeer to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation resolution 09-20-11B Allocation of Investment Funds into a Laddered Portfolio. Second by Rep. Hope Smith.

**8-2(Reps. Two Bears, Weber)-2(Reps. Estebo, Whiteabbit) Motion Carried.**

**Constitutional Reform Budget.** **MOTION** by Rep. Robert Two Bears to approve the Constitutional Reform Budget for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 in the amount of \$41,760.00. Second by Rep. John Holst. **11-1(Rep. Greendee)-0 Motion Carried.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Hope Smith that the Constitutional Reform report to the Administration Committee monthly. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. **11-1(Rep. Two Bears)-0 Motion Carried.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Legislative Sub-Committee Resolution:**

This resolution is the *Legislative Organization Act* governs this circumstance by the following language in Chapter III, Section 15 b (2): "If a previously selected member of the Administration or Development Committee is unable to serve for any reason, that member shall be replaced by a temporary member. The selection of the temporary member shall be done according to the following rules: (a) If the previously selected member who is unable to serve is from District 1, 2, 3, or 5, the temporary member will come from that same District. (c) If a Special Election results in the filling of a vacant Legislative seat, the individual elected as a result of the Special Election will be immediately appointed to the Committee and the temporary member will no longer serve on the Committee. There is a vacancy on District 3, the Legislature appoints Rep. Hope Smith as a temporary member of the Administration Committee and Development Committee."

**MOTION** by Rep. Robert Two Bears to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation resolution 09-20-11C Rescission of Resolution 07-07-11B and Reappointment of Members and Presiding Officers to the Standing Committees of the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature. Second by Rep. John Holst.

**10-0-2 (Rep. Estebo, VP Blackdeer) Motion Carried.**

**Legislative Chief Clerk and Staff – Supervision:**

The Legislature has approved job descriptions and budget modifications for the Chief Clerk and Assistant Clerks positions. The administration Committee was given two draft Legislative Office Organization Charts for reporting and supervision.

**MOTION** by Rep. Susan Weber to have the Chief Clerk report to the Vice President and Assistant Clerks would report to the Chief Clerk, which is Option 2 in the memorandum *Determination on Reporting Structure for Chief Clerk and Assistant Clerk* from Michael Murphy dated September 15, 2011. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **12-0-0 Motion Carried.**

**Recess:** **MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to recess for lunch. Second by Rep. Susan Weber. **12-0-0 Motion Carried.**

**The meeting recessed at 11:53 a.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called back to order by President Jon Greendear at 12:55 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

President Jon Greendear (P)  
Vice President Greg Blackdeer (P)  
Rep. Douglas Greendear (P)  
Rep. Susan Weber (12-56)  
Rep. Andrea Estebo (P)  
Rep. James Greendear (P)  
Rep. John Holst (12-59)  
Rep. Hope Smith (P)  
Rep. Shelby Visintin (12-58)  
Rep. Patrick Red Eagle (P)  
Rep. Greg Littlejohn (1-00)  
Rep. Forrest Whiteabbit (P)  
Rep. Robert Two Bears (P)

**DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:**

Quorum was established.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Land Leases:**

These resolutions are granting a land lease on Ho-Chunk Nation Trust Property.

**MOTION** by Vice President Greg Blackdeer to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation resolution 09-20-11D Cancellation of Land Lease No. 1858 on Lot # 6 Joe Wolf Homestead. Second by Rep. Doug Greengrass. **9-0-0 Motion Carried.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Doug Greengrass to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation resolution 09-20-11E Land Lease Lot #6 Joe Wolf Homestead Jeffrey D. Goodbear. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo.

**9-0-1(Rep. Visintin) Motion Carried.**

**MOTION** by Rep. James Greendear to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation resolution 09-20-11F Land Lease Lot #1 Joe Wolf Homestead a.k.a. Shoonk Chunk Kah #441-T104 Martina J. LittleWolf-Falcon. Second by Rep. Susan Weber. **11-0-0 Motion Carried.**

**MOTION** by Rep. James Greendear to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation resolution 09-20-11G Land Lease on Lot #34 of La Grange Hills for Lorinda Bird. Second by Rep. James Greendear. **12-0-0 Motion Carried.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Susan Weber to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation resolution 09-20-11H Land Lease on Lot #16 of East Sand Pillow for Martin Falcon. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **12-0-0 Motion Carried.**

**Tribal Management Grant Resolution:**

This resolution states that the Legislature gives their commitment to support this application for the three year Indian Health Services Tribal Management Grant that will create a collaboration between the State of Wisconsin and the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health allowing the Ho-

Chunk Nation Health Department to enroll eligible Ho-Chunk Tribal Members into Medicare and Medicaid.

**MOTION** by Rep. Doug Greengrass to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation resolution 09-20-11J Tribal Management Grant Program. Second by Vice President Greg Blackdeer. **12-0-0 Motion Carried.**

**Agenda Amendment:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Susan Weber to amend the agenda to hear item g. Law Enforcement Mutual Assistance Resolution under New Business next. Second by Rep. John Holst. **11-1(VP Blackdeer)-0 Motion Carried.**

**Insurance Requirements for Participation in Mutual Assistance Program Under Wisconsin State Statutes:**

This resolution is that the Legislature authorizes the Ho-Chunk Nation's Insurance Policy to be amended to cover the activities of Ho-Chunk Nation officers and officers from other law enforcement agencies who are providing mutual assistance under Wisconsin Statutes §§ 165.92 and 66.0313.

**MOTION** by Rep. Doug Greengrass to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation resolution 09-20-11K Authorizing an Amendment to Ho-Chunk Nation Insurance Policy to Meet the Requirements for Participation in Mutual Assistance Program Under Wisconsin State Statutes. Second by Rep. Hope Smith.

**5-(VP Blackdeer)-6(Reps. Visintin, Littlejohn, Holst, Whiteabbit, Estebo, Weber) Motion Carried.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Robert Two Bears to refer to Finance Committee for allocation.

**Motion is withdrawn.**

**Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan Approval Resolution:**

This resolution is that the Legislature hereby approves and authorizes the President of the Nation through the Department of Environmental Health the submission of the Ho-Chunk Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan to Indian Health Service and the United States EPA.

**MOTION** by Rep. Robert Two Bears to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation resolution 09-20-11L Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan Approval. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **12-0-0 Motion Carried.**

**Release of Matching Funds for Law Enforcement Center Project for U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Indian Community Development Block Grant:**

This resolution is in accordance with resolution 06-08-11C, which commits to matching funds and that matching funds shall be placed in a separate account to be used for the construction of the law enforcement center.

**MOTION** by Rep. John Holst to refer the Release of Matching Funds for Law Enforcement Center Project for U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Indian Community Development Block Grant to the Finance Committee. Second by Rep. Robert Two Bears. **12-0-0 Motion Carried.**

**Wisconsin Act 35:**

In the packet was a memorandum from David Moore to the Special Committee on State-Tribal Relations dated September 9, 2011 regarding this Act, which is about carrying a concealed weapon and carrying Weapons in Certain Places. Sheila Corbine stated this was an informational item, and will be addressing with the Administration Committee.

**Authorization to Appoint Pro Tempore Trial Court Judge:**

This resolution is that the Legislature, pursuant to Article VII, Section 13 of the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation, hereby authorizes the Trial Court to retain John Pelhaunsee, JoDeen Lowe, Mark Butterfield, Paul Stenzel or Joan Greendear-Lee, to the extent they are available, to serve as Trial Court Judge Pro Tempore if the current Trial Court Judge is recused in any case related to the September 23, 2011 Special Election.

**MOTION** by Rep. Forrest Whiteabbit to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation resolution 09-20-11M Authorization to Appoint Pro Tempore Trial Court Judge for Cases Related to September 23, 2011 Special Election. Second by Rep. Susan Weber. **12-0-0 Motion Carried.**

**President Obama Letter:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to refer the *Obama for America* to Whyte Hirschboeck Dudek. Second by Rep. Patrick Red Eagle. **12-0-0 Motion Carried.**

**Legislative Fundraising:** **MOTION** by Rep. Robert Two Bears to refer the Republican and Democratic fundraisers to Whyte Hirschboeck Dudek. Second by Rep. Patrick Red Eagle. **11-0-0 Motion Carried. (VP Blackdeer out of the room).**

**Agenda Amendment:** **MOTION** by Rep. Hope Smith to amend the agenda to address District 3 Concerns first. Second by Rep. John Holst. **10-0-0 Motion Carried. (Rep. Patrick Red Eagle out of the room).**

**District Concerns:** **District 3:** Ms. Susie Decorah was present and there was a memorandum from Kelley Thundercloud, Budget Analyst, regarding her request for floor, roof, and windows that was approved at the December 21/22, 2010 Legislative Meeting. The previous contractor's work was not satisfactory to Ms. Decorah and she asked that he stop all work. Ms. Decorah states she still needs her windows replaced.

**MOTION** by Rep. Hope Smith to approve Roger's Construction in the amount of \$6,950.00 from the Charitable Contribution funds previously allocated on December 21-22, 2010 to complete services for Ms. Decorah. Second by Rep. James Greendear. **8-(Rep. Two Bears, VP Blackdeer) 2(Reps. Estebo, Visintin) Motion Carried.**

**For The Record:** That at the District 3 Pacinak Area Meeting there was a motion to accept the resignation note from Caroline K. as Alternate for Election Board and to accept the resignation of Enrollment Board. Both Motions Carried.

**For The Record:** There was a District 3 Pacinak Area Meeting motion to have Iris C. to come up to October 2011 Area meeting.

**MOTION** by Rep. James Greendear to refer the District 3 Green Bay Area Meeting motion to approve Home Ownership Program (HOP) amendments to the Administration Committee. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **12-0-0 Motion Carried.**

**For The Record:** There was a District 3 Green Bay Area Meeting motion to have Iris Cleveland give quarterly reports to the area regarding H.O.P. Motion Carried.

**MOTION** by Rep. Hope Smith to refer the District 3 Wisconsin Rapids Area Meeting motion to have the area regarding H.O.P. to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. John Holst. **12-0-0 Motion Carried.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Hope Smith to refer the District 3 Wisconsin Rapids Area Meeting motion to have Iris Cleveland give quarterly reports to the area regarding H.O.P. to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. John Holst. **12-0-0 Motion Carried.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Hope Smith to refer the District 3 Wisconsin Rapids Area Meeting motion to have Mark Butterfield attends the Wisconsin Rapids Area meeting as the area's representative until a representative is appointed for the area. Legislative Committee. Second by Rep. John Holst.

**5-(Reps. Weber, RedEagle, Greendear, Greengrass, VP Blackdeer)-1(Rep. Estebo) President Greendear votes aye. Motion Carried. (Rep. Littlejohn out of the room).**

**For The Record:** The District 3 Wisconsin Dells Area Meeting had similar motions to the Wisconsin Rapids Area Meeting, which included the HOP amendments and to have Iris Cleveland give quarterly reports to the area regarding HOP.

**MOTION** by Rep. Hope Smith to refer the District 3 Wisconsin Dells Area Meeting motion to have the Indian Heights Community Building be utilized for the use of but not limited to, TAU, Youth Services, Education as well as a meal site for TAU to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. Robert Two Bears. **9-0-2(VP Blackdeer, Rep. Visintin) Motion Carried. (Rep. Littlejohn out of the room).**

**MOTION** by Rep. Hope Smith to refer the District 3 Wisconsin Dells Area Meeting motion that a new van is purchased for the Wisconsin Dells area, for transportation of Elders and that the funds are taken out of this year's budget to the Finance Committee. Second by Rep. Doug Greengrass. **11-0-0 Motion Carried. (Rep. Littlejohn out of the room).**

**Agenda Amendment:** **MOTION** by Rep. Hope Smith to amend the agenda to add item L. Off-Site Meeting, M. Elder Roof Concern, N. Secretarial Election, O. Fundraisers, item P. Financial Election, out New Business. Second by Rep. John Holst. **11-0-0 Motion Carried.**

**District 1:** **MOTION** by Rep. Susan Weber to refer the District 1 Black River Falls Area Meeting action that officially elect Tia Chick to the position of General Council Agency Agent for District 1 to the General Council Agency. Second by Rep. John Holst. **12-0-0 Motion Carried.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Susan Weber to refer the District 1 Black River Falls Area Meeting motion for the Ho-Chunk Tribal Elders, to attend the Majestic Pines Sunday Bingo session, be authorized the electronic bingo devices on the same level that they usually get to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. Robert Two Bears. **12-0-0 Motion Carried.**

**For The Record:** The District 2 La Crosse Area Meeting motion to ask the Office of the President to track the monthly changes of the Ho-Chunk Casino Hotel, to see if there will be any changes in room sales due to the new \$250.00 deposit required for staying at the Hotel.

The District 2 La Crosse Area Meeting motion to nominate Marsha Smith for the Position of La Crosse Area GCA Alternate. **MOTION** by Rep. John Holst to refer the District 2 Baraboo Area Meeting motion to have the Planning, Legislature, Business, Lands Department expedite the development of the Nation's Land Zoning Plan for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 to Legislative Counsel. Second by Rep. Robert Two Bears. **12-0-0 Motion Carried.**

**MOTION** by Rep. John Holst to refer the District 2 Baraboo Area Meeting motion that Legislature establish a non-profit code IRC 7817 as relates to 501(c)(3) Status for Tribal Nation or equivalent and expedite in conjunction with the development of The Healing Center to Legislative Counsel. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. **11-0-0 Motion Carried. (Rep. Greengrass out of the room).**

**MOTION** by Rep. John Holst to refer the District 2 Baraboo Area Meeting motion to have a Ho-Chunk Speaking Child Care Center in Baraboo or near location of Baraboo like Wa-hoo creek ign at Whirling Thunder to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. James Greendear. **11-0-0 Motion Carried. (Rep. Greengrass out of the room).**

**MOTION** by Rep. John Holst to refer the District 2 Baraboo Area Meeting motion to request that the Executive Director of Education develop a special program where six to ten individuals can fast track their financial degrees every four years of the Office of the President. Second by Rep. James Greendear. **11-0-0 Motion Carried.**

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## Notice of Vacancy and Deadline For Districts to Nominate Twelve (12) Election Board Delegates & Twelve (12) Election Board Alternates

Districts	Number of Election Board Members	Alternate
District 1: Black River Falls	1	1
District 2: Tomah	1	1
LaCrosse	1	1
Madison	1	1
Baraboo	1	1
District 3: Wittenberg	1	1
Wisconsin Dells	1	1
Wisconsin Rapids	1	1
Green Bay	1	1
District 4: Milwaukee	1	1
District 5: Chicago	1	1
Minneapolis/St. Paul	1	1
	12	12

**TERMS:** All Election board members shall serve terms of two (2) years. Election Board members may serve more than one term.

**NOMINATIONS:** Nominations for one (1) Election Board Member and one (1) Election Board Alternate to represent each District must be voted upon during your District's November monthly meeting.

The District's meeting minute must include each District's nomination for Election Board member and Election Board Alternate. The minutes must be presented or faxed will be acceptable to the Election Board Office no later than

**4:00 PM – TUESDAY, December 13, 2011**

**HO-CHUNK NATION ELECTION BOARD OFFICE**

**206 S. Roosevelt Road, P.O. Box 756, Black River Falls, WI. 54615 • 715/284-8900 • 800/890-0583 • 715/284-8600 Fax**

### Notice Of Tribal Election Board Chairperson Position

Please post the following job description in highly visible location so that all adult Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Members may review it.

If you are interested in applying for the position please send or fax your resume to the Election Board Office prior to January 6, 2012 deadline at 4:30 PM.

The Election Board members will meet to review the resumes submitted to the Election Board office on January 7, 2012.

If you have questions please contact the Election Board office.

#### Election Board

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#### SUMMONS

(First Publication)

#### IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

**State of WI., Petitioner, v. Rachel Mendoza, Respondent.**

**Case : CS 11-59**

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

Rachel Mendoza

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. See RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS ORDINANCE, 4 HCC § 2.5. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed **can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order.** *Id.*, § 2.6c.

The Trial Court is physically located at Wa Ehi Hocira, W9598 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, (Jackson County) Wisconsin. The Trial Court's mailing address is P. O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The telephone number is (715) 284-2722, or toll free 800-434-4070, and the facsimile number is (715) 284-3136.



### HO CHUNK NATION

#### General Council Agency

October 7, 2011

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
Black River Falls, WI

General Council Agency responded to technical comments from the Bureau of Indian Affairs on seven proposed amendments requesting a Secretarial election to amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution. GCA originally requested the Secretarial election on January 25, 2010. Here is a list of the submitted resolutions: (1) 09-12-09B<sup>1</sup>, a resolution to allow General Council Agency to hire, manage, and supervise staff; (2) 09-12-09E<sup>2</sup>, a resolution to prohibit Legislators from serving more than two terms of office; (3) 09-12-09F<sup>3</sup>, a resolution to prohibit the President from serving more than two terms of office; (4) 09-12-09G<sup>4</sup>, a resolution to provide a Presidential veto; (5) 09-12-09H<sup>5</sup>, a resolution to waive the Immunity of Nation from Suit and allow General Council to sue and enforce policies set by General Council; (6) 09-17-05-I<sup>6</sup>, a resolution providing that the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court must be a member of the Ho-Chunk Nation; (7) 09-17-05-J<sup>7</sup>, a resolution to require election of trial court judges, and require that trial court judges must be a member of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

None of these proposed amendments to the Constitution become law until the resolution receives a majority vote through a Federal Secretarial Election conducted by the BIA.

#### Four Year Degree Repeal

On a separate matter, please note that the resolution repealing the four-year degree is presently before the Legislature awaiting action. This resolution specifically calls for the Legislature to take action to repeal the four-year degree requirement. Before the four-year degree requirement becomes law, it must go through the Federal Secretarial Election process.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the General Council Agency office located in the Executive Office Building in Black River Falls or contact your General Council Agency Community Representative.

Sincerely

John S. Swimmer  
General Council Agency Attorney

[General Council Agency Attorney John Swimmer drafted and approved this press release for publication in the Worak]

<sup>1</sup> Adopted by General Council 2009

<sup>2</sup> Adopted by General Council 2004; reaffirmed 2009

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<sup>5</sup> Adopted by General Council 2005; reaffirmed 2009

<sup>6</sup> Adopted by General Council 2005; reaffirmed 2009

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# Elouise Cobell, Native Leader dies in Montana

Submitted by Bill McAllister

Elouise Cobell, an enrolled member of Montana's Blackfeet Tribe who led a 16-year landmark legal fight to get the federal government to pay an estimated 500,000 Native Americans for mismanaging their trust accounts, died Sunday, October 16 at Benefis Hospital in Great Falls, Mont.

A great granddaughter of Mountain Chief, one of the legendary Indian leaders of the West, she had been diagnosed with cancer weeks before her class-action lawsuit was given final approval by a federal district judge in Washington on June 20.



Elouise Cobell

Born on the Blackfeet Reservation on Nov. 5, 1945, with the Indian name Little Bird Woman, Ms. Cobell was one of eight children.

Her survivors include: her husband, Alvin Cobell of Blacktail, Mont., a son, Turk Cobell and his wife, Bobbie, of Las Vegas, two grandchildren, Olivia, and Gabriella, a brother, Dale Pepion of Browning, Mont., and three sisters, Julene Kennerly

of Browning, Mont., Joy Ketah of Seattle and Karen Powell of Browning, Mont.

In 1996, Ms. Cobell and four other Native Americans filed a lawsuit against the federal government demanding that the government give Native Americans an accounting of billions of dollars it received for oil and gas leases and other uses of individual Indian lands held in trust by the United States.

After a long, tenacious fight with the government, the Obama administration agreed to settle the lawsuit in December, 2009, creating a \$3.4 billion fund to, among other things, make payments to individual Indian money account holders. This was the largest class action settlement with the government in American history.

After finding government records of the Indian accounts inadequate to support an accounting of all items of the Individual Indian Trust, a federal judge declared the Indians could never receive a full accounting of their funds and other trust assets. He then urged the parties to engage in direct negotiations at the highest levels, negotiations that led to the historic settlement. The settlement was ratified by both Houses of Congress and approved by the President of the United States. It then went back to the United States District Court for the District of Columbia for final approval and judgment, which was entered on August 4, 2011.

Ms. Cobell served as lead plaintiff in the lawsuit and tirelessly led the effort from Browning, quietly raising millions of dollars for expert witnesses and other major costs associated with the litigation.

In part, Ms. Cobell used funds from her own 1997 "Genius Grant" from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation's Fellows program to fund the cost of the lawsuit.

In 2005, she received a Cultural Freedom Fellowship from the Lannan Foundation, an award that cited her persistence in bringing to light the "more than a century of government malfeasance and dishonesty" with the government-run Indian Trust.

Two years later, she was one of 10 people given an AARP Impact Award (for making the world a better place), and in 2004 the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development presented her with the Jay Silverheels Achievement Award. This year, she was named "Montana Citizen of the

Year" by the Montana Trial Lawyers Association.

She received the 2002 International Women's Forum award for "Women Who Make a Difference," in Mexico City.

Ms. Cobell was one of the founders of the Native American Bank, based in Denver. Her professional and civic experience and expertise includes serving as co-chair of Native American Bank NA and as a former trustee of the National Museum of the American Indian, as well as service on other boards. She served for 13 years as treasurer for the Blackfeet Indian Nation in Montana. She also served as executive director of the Native American Community Development Corp., the bank's nonprofit affiliate.

With her husband, Alvin Cobell, she operated a working ranch that produced cattle and crops. She was active in Montana agriculture and environmental issues, founding the first Land Trust in Indian Country. She also served as a trustee for the Nature Conservancy of Montana.

She graduated from Great Falls Business College and attended Montana State University, from which she later received an honorary doctorate. She also has honorary degrees from Rollins College and Dartmouth College.

For additional details on Ms. Cobell's life news media should contact Bill McAllister 703-385-6996.

*"I am deeply saddened by the loss of Elouise Cobell, who dedicated her life to the betterment of Indian people. She sought justice to address historical wrongs that had weighed on our nation's conscience and was a significant force for change."*

*"I was honored to work personally with Elouise to reach a settlement that fairly and honorably resolves the long-standing Cobell litigation. Thanks to Elouise's leadership and unwavering focus over many years, we passed the Claims Resolution Act in 2010 and President Obama has signed it into law. For this monumental achievement, and for the attention she brought to the need for a just resolution, Elouise is a hero in every sense of the word."*

*"As we pause to reflect on Elouise's life and achievements, let us be inspired to do better by the first Americans, and to uphold our nation's promise of justice and opportunity for all."*

~ statement from Secretary Salazar

## Wisconsin's Winter Awareness Week

Submitted by  
Tod Pritchard, Wisconsin Emergency Management

Are you ready for winter? November 7-11, 2011 is Winter Awareness Week in Wisconsin. The annual campaign, sponsored by Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM), its ReadyWisconsin preparedness program and NOAA's National Weather Service (NWS), is to remind people to be prepared for winter conditions that could threaten their safety.

"The number one thing to do: make sure you have an emergency supply kit in your car – it could save your life," says Tod Pritchard, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator at Wisconsin Emergency Management.

NASCAR champion and Wisconsin native Matt Kenseth is once again teaming up with ReadyWisconsin to promote winter awareness. Matt is appearing in a number of public service announcements that will air on Wisconsin radio and TV stations statewide during the month of November. Kenseth is urging viewers and listeners to keep an emergency kit in their vehicles. He is also encouraging everyone to sign up to win a winter survival kit on the ReadyWisconsin website: [readywisconsin.wi.gov](http://readywisconsin.wi.gov).

Winter storms are considered deceptive killers because most deaths are indirectly related to the storm. Examples of such deaths include traffic accidents on icy or snow-

covered roads, prolonged exposure to the cold and indoor carbon monoxide poisoning. It is important to start taking preventive measures for winter weather. Now is the time to winterize your car and home, gather items for an emergency kit in your car, and make sure you have a NOAA Weather Radio with fresh batteries.

Additional winter weather tips and how to put together a winter emergency kit are available at the ReadyWisconsin website. In addition, there are numerous winter storm maps and a history of Wisconsin's winter weather produced by the National Weather Service. For more information, visit ReadyWisconsin at [readywisconsin.wi.gov](http://readywisconsin.wi.gov).

For more information on the winter

weather awareness campaign, contact your county emergency management director or your local NWS office.

Downloads:

List of safety tips and winter facts: [http://emergencymanagement.wi.gov/news/2011/2011\\_Winter\\_Awareness\\_Media\\_Packet\\_\(safety\\_tips\).pdf](http://emergencymanagement.wi.gov/news/2011/2011_Winter_Awareness_Media_Packet_(safety_tips).pdf)

Historical maps of Wisconsin winter statistics: [http://emergencymanagement.wi.gov/news/2011/2011\\_Winter\\_Awareness\\_Media\\_Packet\\_\(maps\).pdf](http://emergencymanagement.wi.gov/news/2011/2011_Winter_Awareness_Media_Packet_(maps).pdf)

Individual maps are available on the ReadyWisconsin website's winter weather facts page: [http://readywisconsin.wi.gov/winter/winter\\_weather\\_facts.asp](http://readywisconsin.wi.gov/winter/winter_weather_facts.asp)

### Thanks!

On behalf of Chairman, Marvin Decora, Sr. and the entire General Council Agency, we want to thank everyone that helped make the 2011 General Council meeting a tremendous success. We would like to especially recognize the Chairman of General Council, Wilfrid Cleveland and recording secretary Shirley Lonetree, the countless volunteers, the employees at the Ho-Chunk Nation Convention Center, and Executive and Legislative Branch staff that supported General Council. Collectively, your leadership and expertise was invaluable in helping us realize our vision for this eventful day. General Council Agency continues to be the voice of the people. The Ho-Chunk Nation was well represented as this year's General Council.

We are always trying to improve General Council and we cannot do that without your help. If you have any questions, suggestions, or recommendations please contact us at the General Council Agency office located in the Executive Office Building in Black River Falls or contact your local General Council Agency Community Representative. Our doors are always open!

Sincerely  
General Council Agency

### Pre K-12 Program computer options:

1. Purchase the computer of choice and submit a receipt and all other required info to the Pre K-12 Program for a reimbursement.
2. Choose a computer (Mac) from Apple and the Pre K-12 Program can purchase it for them.
3. If choosing a Windows PC from Best Buy, there are now 2 options based on the grade basically a laptop or a desktop, but they are all the same. Everyone will receive the same type and brand of computer chosen.







# MARK LAMERE TRIO

**NOVEMBER 18 & 19 (8 PM-12 AM)**

The Mark LaMere Trio will be performing at Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison! This talented group puts on an exciting Blues/Rock show that will keep you entertained all night. You won't want to miss this FREE entertainment. To learn more about the band and other upcoming events, please visit our website.



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## ATTENTION 2011 Tax Document Information that may affect you.

Greetings to all,

Please review the check list below and make sure that you have completed all items that are relevant to your situation.

- ☐ You will need to complete a new Form W-4 and/or WT-4 if your withholding allowances have changed. These forms are available online at: [ho-chunknation.com](http://ho-chunknation.com) under Treasury.
- ☐ If you claimed exempt status on your federal Form W-4 or your state form WT-4 you are required to complete a new form for 2012 by Feb. 15, 2012.
- ☐ Check the address that prints on your payroll check or direct deposit advice. Be sure to update your address with the Personnel Department.
- ☐ 1099's will be printed using the address verification supplied to the Enrollment Department.

**There is a \$5.00 charge for EACH COPY of the W-2 or 1099-M to be reprinted.**

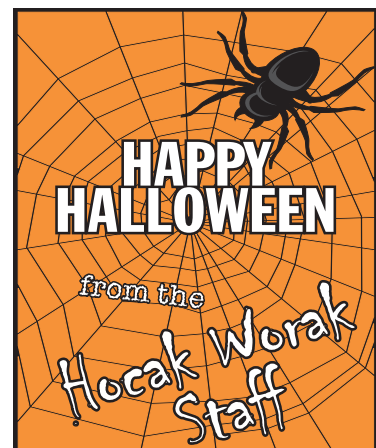


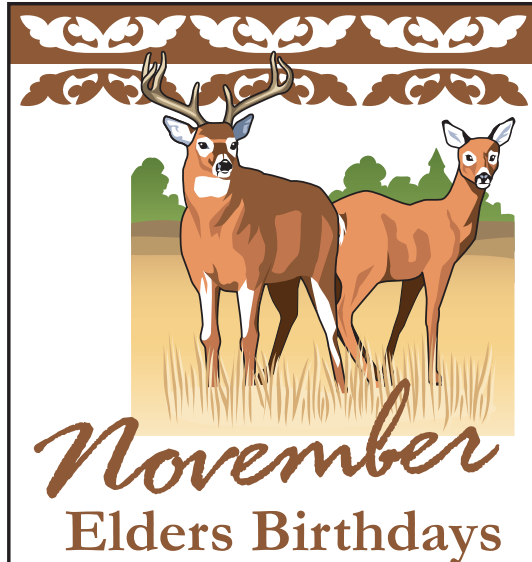
**It is very important to make sure your current address is printed on your payroll check, per-cap check or direct deposit advice.**



The Department of Housing and Public Works would like to remind everyone that winter weather is right around the corner. Please get your snow removal Release of Liability Form updated and returned to the Department of Housing and Public Works. The forms are available from Department of Housing and Public Works, as well as the Tribal Aging Unit. You can send, fax or e-mail the Release of Liability form to our office, attention Michelle Winneshiek.

For questions, call the Department of Housing at (608) 374-1225 or Michelle Winneshiek at (608) 374-3950 (option 2). Fax number is (608) 374-1233





1 Dawn Littlejohn	14 Barbara Schaub
3 Cynthia Radtke	Lindley Thompson Jr.
4 Michael La Mere	15 Lois Lonetree
Gertrude Rusu	17 Margaret Pardini
Carol Rockman	Shirley Petersen
Georgia Oltman	Jo Ann Maney
7 Leona Davenport	18 Mary Jo Brooks
Earl Topping	21 Robert Yellowbank
Bennett Blackdeer	Robert Mudd
8 Carol Riese	22 Errol Whitewing
9 Stanley Blackdeer	23 Martin Yellowbank
Sandra Sue Lanier	24 Elena Greendeer
Sandra Winneshiek	Elizabeth Houle
10 Thomas Hopinkah	25 Louise Redcloud
Delphine Blackcoon	Mary Anwash
11 Charlotte Tipton	27 Sharyn Whiterabbit
Rosetta Rae Hunt	28 Myrtle Long
13 Tennyson De Cora	Joseph Gleason
	30 Alvin Rockman



### Quarterly Board Meeting S.A.F.E.\* House Advisory Board

Saturday, November 19 at 10:00 AM

Ho-Chunk Nation Social Services Building  
808 Red Iron Road, Black River Falls, WI

Contact Martina Gauthier to confirm attendance  
martina.gauthier@ho-chunk.com • 715) 284-2644, ext. 5101

New Board Members are Welcome  
Background checks are required

Bring a bag lunch or a potluck item to share

\*Stop Abuse From Existing  
A Project of the Ho-Chunk Nation's Domestic Violence Program

## "Walk For Those In The Past, Present And Future"

November is National Diabetes Awareness month. To promote awareness and our dedication to fighting this disease, we will be holding walks in Black River Falls at the District One Community Center and at the House of Wellness in Baraboo. The walks will be held on November 3rd at 11:00 with a meal to be served afterwards

In addition, BASICS will be having a screening in both areas starting at 9 a.m. and recruiting for our next set of classes

**Together we can raise awareness and fight this disease!  
Be a part of this important event and help yourself and  
those around you to stand up and fight!**



If you have any questions regarding these events call Tina McArthur at 715-284-9851, ext 5359 or Rachel Montana at 715-284-9851, ext 5039



# Ho-Chunks at Hunting Moon

Sanford LittleEagle  
Staff Writer

The weekend of October 21 – 23, the Forest County Potawatomi hosted their Annual Contest Pow-Wow held in the Expo Center at the Potawatomi Bingo Casino in Milwaukee; a weekend where many of Wisconsin's tribal members from all of the 11 Tribes go to compete in song and dance, visit, shop, and eat.

Four Ho-Chunk drums registered and set-up (Little Thunder, Bear Heart, Lake Delton, and Ho-Chunk Station), and over two dozen

dancers from Tiny Tots to Golden Age stepped into the arena to compete and take a shot at the \$90,000.00 in Prize Money. The Ho-Chunk Nation was well represented throughout the weekend with their unique dance style, steps, and regalia.

Hunting Moon offered an "OLD TIME" Women's Scrub Special and Men's Woodland Style Special. Many Ho-Chunk Hinuks ventured to Milwaukee to get their "Scrub On", while the Gents busted out their Turbans and left the Hair Roach behind.

There were also committee Specialists, one by Forest County Potawatomi Veteran Dennis Shepard who held a Veterans Dance Contest. Everyone was welcome to join, with an outfit or not, Veterans came out and danced. Bradford Funmaker, making his debut and had not danced for many years, came in as a consolation contestant, accepting a Pendleton Blanket for top three. Funmaker, an Army Vet, was happy with the Win.

Bradford would go on and be the only Ho-Chunk to place 4th in the Men's Woodland Special. It was a nice win and return to the Circle. Cheryl Funmaker won 4th place in the Scrub Special, and one place away Tracy Pecore came in with a 2nd place win in the Scrub Special.

A moment came for many

in the arena this weekend seeing a very familiar Fancy Dance outfit, as Courage Cleveland wore the late Jerry Cleveland Jr's Bustles and Outfit. Courage said via Facebook earlier in the week that he would pay tribute to his father and dance for him. Courage took home a 1st Place Win! Many clapped, some stood and some shed tears of joy.

Another tribute to the Memory of Jerry Cleveland Jr. came Sunday afternoon when his father Gerald Cleveland Sr., dancing in full regalia, was accompanied by his wife, children, and grandchildren who all were dancing throughout the weekend as they danced around the circle together as they approached the drum group Midnite Express. Gerald pulled an Eagle Whistle from around his neck and a beautiful call came from the Whistle and the drum was fast to respond. Midnite began singing a song composed by Jeremy "Worm" Dearly of the drum Midnite Express, friends of "Heyna" Jerry. Members of the drum took their seats and sang Heyna's song hard and loud.

It was an awesome sight to see. There were two lines of Men Traditional dancers on each side as Gerald danced hard back and forth between the lines of the dancers that came to support the family, the whistle, and give good feelings to what was taking place. As Gerald danced between all four calls of his Eagle Whistle, his grandson Courage Cleveland could be seen dancing his heart out. To Courage's right, a line formed with an estimated 14 Men's Fancy Dancers, all coming to dance at Courage's side. On the outside of the line of Traditional Dancers, where



**Courage Cleveland wearing his father Jerry Cleveland Jr's Fancy Dance Outfit at Hunting Moon, Courage took 1st Place in the Teen Boys Fancy Category.**

Gerald was dancing with his wife Iris and his children and grandchildren. Many stood and danced proud, but at the end of the song as Gerald came over to shake hands and pay gifts of thanks to the drum, Gerald could not hold back his tears. As he wiped the tears to the side he spoke to Lead Singers Opie Day-Bedeau and Crow Bellcourt. Opie said, "Gerald used his whistle as a way and means of encouragement for his grandchildren and the rest of the family and for all those in mourning. To recognize that this was Jerry's way of life, he loved this way of life, this pow-wow life." Bellcourt said, "In talking with Gerald, he came to the drum and said he was here to be with his grandchildren this weekend and to dance in Memory of Jerry." Cleveland gave a Pendleton Blanket, Tobacco, and some Zura to Honor their drum.

Ho-Chunk Winners

at Hunting Moon 2011 (apologies, if I left anyone out -SLE )

- Tracy Pecore – Old Time Scrub Special
- Cheryl Funmaker – Old Time Scrub Special
- Crystal Cleveland – Women's Fancy
- Amber Rose Cleveland – Women's Fancy
- Charlie Hindsley – Men's Traditional
- Cassie Hindsley – Women's Jingle
- Bradford Funmaker – Men's Woodland/Veterans Special
- Anasazi Lucero – Boys Traditional
- Bryson Funmaker – Boys Traditional
- Gaby Brinegar – Girls Traditional
- Arianna GreenCrow – Girls Traditional
- Courage Cleveland – Teens Fancy
- Terrance Cleveland – Teens Fancy
- Delano Cleveland - Jr Boys Fancy



**Bradford Funmaker tearing it up, Woodlands Style at the Hunting Moon 2011 Contest Pow-Wow.**



**Tahlin Jefferson**

for placing first  
in the  
Performing Arts  
Competition!!

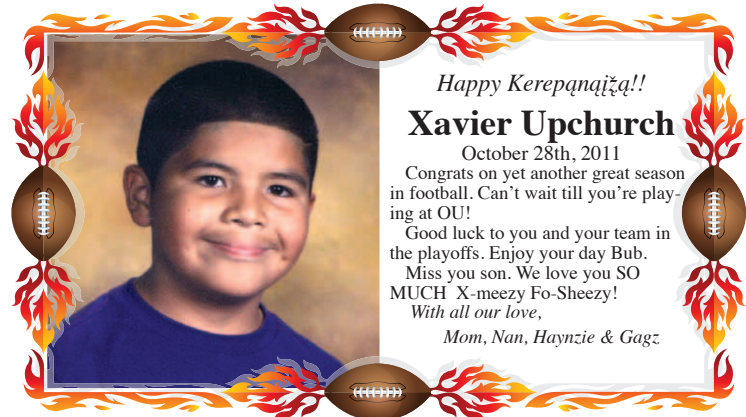
*From all your family.*

Son of  
Michelle Winneshiek



I would like to thank the Ho-Chunk Nation Housing and Public Works Department for all their good work. You are all much appreciated, from the equipment operators to office staff. Keep up the good work.

Ken Lewis



**TOBIAS  
HAPPY 12TH  
BIRTHDAY**

LOVE MOM, BASTIUN,  
GAGA, AND YOUR DEGAS



# People of the Big Voice featured at the Wisconsin Book Festival

Marlon WhiteEagle  
Staff Writer

Day Four of the Wisconsin Book Festival, a program of the Wisconsin Humanities Council, featured People of the Big Voice. The book is authored by Tom Jones, Michael Schmudlach, Amy Lonetree, George A. Greendeer, and Matthew Daniel Mason; Jones, Lonetree, and Greendeer are all Ho-Chunk Nation tribal members. The book contains more than 300 photos of Ho-Chunk tribal members taken by Black River Falls photographer, Charles Van Schaick, from 1879 to 1942. The Wisconsin Historical Museum was also opening an exhibit featuring Van Schaick's photographs.

The Wisconsin Dells Singers set the stage for the People of the Big Voice presentation by rendering a couple songs. Kathy Borkowski, Director of the Wisconsin Historical Society Press, began the session with a welcome and brief introduction of the authors. Mike Schmudlach, Wisconsin Historical Society Board Member, was the first of the authors to take the microphone. He explained that he was essentially researching Ho-Chunk appliqué designs and that ultimately snowballed into the book. He said, "I saw the collection and later ran into Tommy; I told him that he needed to take a look at them (the photos in the collection)." Schmudlach said, "It was an honor to work on this project." Schmudlach also let the audience know that the photos contained in the book were photos that the people/families took for themselves.

"They were not posed, or not for commercial use."

Jones, an Associate Professor of Photography at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, began explaining that he was "impressed with what Mike did (to make the book possible)." Schmudlach was also responsible for getting Amy and George (involved in the book project). Jones said his colleagues told him it generally takes ten years to publish a book of this kind. People of the Big Voice took approximately two years to get published. Jones was most happy that the book was authored by Ho-Chunk and "not other people talking for us." On the photos, Jones said those Ho-Chunk that were photographed by Van Schaick were comfortable with him and his work.

Matt Mason, Archivist with the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library at the Yale University, said, "Wow. This is astounding." Mason said the book received great "support from the (Wisconsin Historical Society) Press." Mason began working with the Van Schaick collection while doing his dissertation. Mason "got to handle glass plate negatives" of the collection and was impressed by "the great detail" they provide. He said the detailed negatives allowed for Photoshop like control when producing prints. Mason said People of the Big Voice will give an opportunity to "connect, or reconnect, to the past."

Amy Lonetree, an Associate Professor of American Studies at University of California-Santa Cruz, described her involvement with People of the Big Voice as "a labor



Wisconsin Book Festival goes wait in the Wisconsin Historical Museum's *People of the Big Voice* gallery in anticipation of the book event.

of love." She first worked with the Van Schaick collection in 1993, while preparing an exhibition in Minnesota. Lonetree grew up in Minneapolis and is the daughter of Rawleigh Lonetree. She remembers having conversation with her grandma, Ann Littlejohn Lonetree, as they talked about "images of family long deceased." Lonetree said she hopes the book "inspires other Ho-Chunk to learn more" after "holding images of family."

The one author not present at the book event is George A. Greendeer. He works in the Ho-Chunk Nation's Enrollment Office. His role in the book was to help identify those in the photos. He spent his free time driving to homes of elders to verify the identity of individuals Van Schaick photographed. Greendeer took pride in practicing cultural ways of

giving each elder he spoke with something. He said, "I gave the men tobacco and a little cash, and women received some material. One guy got tools." Greendeer also contributed to accurate spelling of Ho-Chunk names of those photographed. He said, "That way they had the right spelling when they wanted to get information from the Enrollment office." Greendeer wants the book to be the best seller for the Wisconsin Historical Society Press.

Truman Lowe, Professor Emeritus of Art at University of Wisconsin-Madison, and Janice Rice, Senior Academic Librarian at University of Wisconsin-Madison, wrote the Foreword and the Afterword for People of the Big Voice. Rice was present at the book event and was invited to join the authors during the Q&A session. Rice spoke about how nice it is that

"our (the Ho-Chunk authors) work would be respected." She remembers "elders were so excited to show the photos to others" that they would "jump out of their seats and run to the door" to show them. Borkowski said People of the Big Voice is the Wisconsin Historical Society Press' first bilingual book. The Foreword, Afterword, and captions all contain the Ho-Chunk language. She said, "if you would have asked if a Ho-Chunk book would be the first bilingual book a couple of years ago, I'd have said no. I would have thought Spanish perhaps." That's something to be very proud of.

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## Garvin appointed to National Gaming Committee

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Darren Brinegar, Chair of Gaming Commission of the Ho-Chunk Nation contacted the Worak and informed us about the good news he had received; that the Nation's own Steve Garvin had been selected, confirmed and appointed to the Tribal Advisory Committee of the National Indian Gaming Commission. And what does this mean?

After some good timing, I had a chance to catch up with and meet Steve Garvin. I had heard of this guy before when it came to Gaming for the tribe but never quite knew who he was. Steve has been a part of the Ho-Chunk Nation's Gaming since 1991. Starting in Security, Steve has also worked in the Bank, Table Games, and Supervisory Staff, to Executive Management and now on to Regulatory as Vice-Chair and Gaming Commissioner for the Ho-Chunk Nation Gaming Commission.

On October 6, Garvin received a letter confirming his selection

announcing his term and expectations. Steve flew to the Inaugural Meeting in Norwich, Connecticut on October 20, 2011. There were also representatives from 15 other tribes from across the U.S. in attendance.

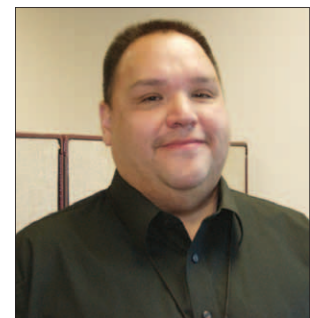
The Tribal Advisory Committee is a newly formed committee that will meet and make recommendations to the National Indian Gaming Commission. The goal of the TAC is to assist in updating the Minimal Internal Control Standards and Technical Standards regulations. In speaking with Garvin I asked him what this appointment meant for the Ho-Chunk Nation. Garvin stated, "It was important that the Ho-Chunk Nation have a voice in making recommendations to NIGC regarding Minimal Internal Control Standards." These standards are there set by the Regulatory side of the Ho-Chunk Nation, overseeing Class II & Class III Games that our Ho-Chunk Gaming sites offer to our guests.

Darren Brinegar Chair of the Gaming Commission selected and

recommended Garvin to the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature, where the Legislature passed a Resolution that Garvin would represent the Nation on the Committee. In speaking with Brinegar, he said, "I'm glad Steve is on there. It has been some time since the Ho-Chunks have been involved with Gaming at a National level. Steve will not only be making choices and speaking on behalf of our tribe but for other tribes in the United States that have gaming as well."

Steve Garvin is the son of Elliott Garvin and Elethe Nichols. Steve has a son who attends U.W. Madison and adds, "I am grateful for the opportunity to represent the Nation and say Thank you to Chairman Brinegar, the Legislature, and fellow Gaming Commissioners who will take care of business while I am attending future meetings."

So Steve Garvin in my opinion is obviously a go to guy with vast knowledge of the Regulatory side of Gaming after having humble beginnings as a front line employee



Steve Garvin, Gaming Commissioner and Vice-Chair of the Ho-Chunk Gaming Commission.

who has worked his way up. It was good to meet Steve and wish him well, safe travels, and give thanks to Steve for seeing through for our future interests in Gaming for our Ho-Chunk Nation.